To find out what you can pack, visit: www.dontpackapest.com/Travel-Guidelines

WHAT IS DON’T PACK A PEST AND WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The “Don’t Pack a Pest!” program helps to educate international travelers about the risks associated with bringing certain types of food, plants, and agricultural items in passenger luggage and care packages into the United States.

If you are not careful, you might unknowingly help animal diseases and plant pests hitchhike on items you travel with or ship. These diseases and pests can potentially harm crops, forests, animals, and the environment.

When packing for international travels, learn what food, plant, and animal items are prohibited. It takes only one person to spread harmful invasive pests. Help protect our food supply and natural resources!

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GUIDELINES FOR TRAVELERS

For example, some seemingly harmless items such as dried soup mixes (including ramen noodles) that contain meat are generally prohibited. See inside for more travel tips and other examples of prohibited items.

 declar all food, plants, and agricultural items when you arrive to the United States

DECLARE

Use the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Declaration Form (6059B) or Mobile Passport App

If eligible, use a self-service electronic kiosk after you get off the plane

Tell a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official before inspection if you are carrying any food or agricultural products in your bags or on your person

Not declaring agricultural items can result in a penalty of up to $1,000 per first time offense and more for the second offense. REMEMBER: DECLARE!

You will not be penalized if you declare

When you declare, a U.S. Customs and Border Protection official can check your items. This is the only way to be certain that your items are free of plant pests and animal diseases.

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture restricts or prohibits many food and agricultural products from other countries because they could carry harmful invasive plant pests or animal diseases (such as highly pathogenic avian influenza or foot-and-mouth disease) into the United States.

When packing for international travels, it is important to know which items are prohibited.

• Do not pack fresh fruits and vegetables
• Do not pack meat products
• Always declare all food, plants, and agricultural items when you arrive to the United States

These guidelines are just examples of generally prohibited agricultural products.

When in doubt, remember these three tips:
- Do not pack fresh fruits and vegetables
- Do not pack meat products
- Always declare all food, plants, and agricultural items when you arrive to the United States

Before you pack, learn whether your items are prohibited.

Remember, many items do not need to be packed because they are available at stores in the United States.

U.S. Department of Agriculture regulations are subject to change at any time and they can change quickly in response to pest or disease outbreaks that occur in other countries.

This is not a complete list. Check www.dontpackapest.com/travel-guidelines to learn whether your items are allowed.

Example Pests

FRUIT FLY
The eggs and larvae of highly invasive plant pests such as the Mediterranean fruit fly can hide inside fruits and vegetables.

Khapra Beetle
Khapra beetle is a destructive pest of stored grains and seeds. Rice, soybeans, and safflower seeds are prohibited from countries where the beetle occurs.