

NON-COMMERCIAL QUANTITY IMPORTS OF ANIMAL PRODUCTS INTENDED FOR PERSONAL USE VIA ALL AIRPORTS, SEAPORTS AND COURIER SERVICES

ALL LIVE ANIMALS AND PRODUCTS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN ARE SUBJECT TO VETERINARY CONTROL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ANIMALS (DISEASES AND IMPORTATION) ACT OF 1948)

Passengers or travellers are required by law to declare **ALL** products of animal origin on the Jamaica Customs Agency **Electronic C5 Passenger Declaration Form**. Passengers must check 'Yes' under the section '**I AM BRINGING**' no. (1) if travelling with live animals, meat, food and other products of animal origin.

UWI STUDENTS TRAVELLING FROM THE CARIBBEAN MUST CONTACT THE PERMIT OFFICE – vsdpermits@moa.gov.jm FOR GUIDANCE ON PERMITABLE ITEMS.



CURRENT ANIMAL AND ANIMAL PRODUCT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

- The importation of **raw honey and honey products** is prohibited
- **Live or processed CONCH and LOBSTER** is prohibited.
- Raw or cured pork ham is restricted
- Pork and pork products from the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA** (excluding pork in commercially sealed cans) is restricted. Canned pork HAM is restricted.
- Unpasteurized cheese and butter is prohibited
- Table eggs and or hatching eggs of domestic poultry (chickens, turkeys, duck, quails etc.) is prohibited
- Raw whole chicken or mixed chicken parts thereof is restricted
- Raw or cooked (chilled or frozen) dog or cat food (**NOT PELLETED OR IN TIN**) is prohibited.
- Raw or processed animal hide or bones as dog treats is restricted
- Meat (beef, pork, goat meat, lamb etc.), poultry, fish, dairy and pet food in any form are **RESTRICTED** originating from **ASIA, EUROPE, AFRICA, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, the Dominican Republic, Haiti** and some **Caribbean Countries** for personal use- Please contact the PERMIT OFFICE- vsdpermits@moa.gov.jm for further guidance.

ANIMAL PRODUCTS ALLOWED WITHOUT A PERMIT UP TO 10LBS (5KG) ONLY

The following products can be allowed without a veterinary import permit for quantities NOT exceeding 10lbs/ 5kgs. Please note the following:

1. **Items should not contain uncooked MEAT or POULTRY products.**
2. **All items are still subject to veterinary inspection.**
3. Products should be maintained in their original packaging bearing the relevant seal or stamp. Proof of country of origin is required. Cooked meals from home should be thoroughly cooked and should be packaged in clear or transparent packaging and readily identifiable.

- **SALTED, DRIED OR SMOKED FISH** -Cod, Pollock, Salmon, Herring, Mackerel and; Shrimp.
- **COOKED FISH** (e.g. Fried/ Steamed)
- **CANNED CORNED BEEF, VIENNA SAUSAGE, SPAM** (originating from the USA and Canada only)
- **CANNED FISH** -commercially sealed canned mackerel, sardine, herring, trout etc.
- **BAKED GOODS AND BREAKFAST CEREALS AND CONFECTIONARY**- Instant cake and or pudding mixes, baked cakes and or puddings that DO NOT contain MEAT OR ANIMAL BLOOD as ingredients; chocolates, candies, cereals, and other confectionary and snacks
- **RAMEN NOODLE SOUP PACKETS**
- **NUTRITIONAL BEVERAGES** – Ensure, Pediasure, Glucerna
- **DRY DRINK MIXES**- nutritional drink mixes, cocoa mixes, whey powder, protein powder or other weight gain supplements
- **DRY PELLETED DOG OR CAT FOOD** originating from the USA or CANADA ONLY up to 10LBS OR 5KGS ONLY (equivalent to one (1) bag)- must remain in original packaging. Dry pet food in zip lock bags will not be allowed. Labels must clearly state the USA or CANADA as country of origin
- **CANNED DOG OR CAT FOOD** originating from the USA or CANADA ONLY up to 12 cans. Labels must clearly state the USA or Canada as country of origin.
- **DRY DOG TREATS** (e.g. Dog Biscuits ONLY) and **DENTAL CHEWS ONLY**.
- **INFANT FORMULA**. These items include milk based or non-milk based (milk/ liquid) formula which should be commercially packaged and sealed

ANIMAL PRODUCTS FOR WHICH A VETERINARY IMPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED MAXIMUM WEIGHT UP TO 45KGS

All classification of products listed below are subject to veterinary controls and require a veterinary import permit under the law. Importers are advised to read the contents of the permit and be guided accordingly. Please note the following:

1. All products **MUST** be maintained in their **ORIGINAL PACKAGING** bearing the relevant **seal or stamp** clearly indicating proof of **country of origin**
2. Products must originate from the **USA or CANADA**
3. Cooked meals from home should be thoroughly cooked and should be packaged in clear or transparent packaging and readily identifiable.
4. **All items are still subject to veterinary inspection. Importers can be asked to present the invoice to confirm supermarket or wholesale where food was purchased.**

- **FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS**– **ALL** wild-caught retail or wholesale fish and processed fish, shrimp, clam, mussels, oysters, crayfish, crab. (**ALL** fish should be scaled and eviscerated.) **THE IMPORTATION OF LOBSTER AND CONCH IS PROHIBITED BY LAW.**
- **MEAT (meat of beef, lamb, goat meat)** – includes commercially packaged meats and other processed or cured meats of beef, goat and lamb (including sausages, bacon, jerky and other dried meats)
- **POULTRY-(meat of turkey, duck, cornish hens)**– includes commercially packaged, poultry and other processed or cured meats including sausages, bacon, nuggets, tenders, meat balls, jerky and other dried meats)
- **POULTRY (chicken)** - includes cooked and other processed or cured meats including sausages, bacon, nuggets, tenders, meat balls, jerky and other dried meats. **COMMERCIAL PACKAGED KOSHER/ HALAL CHICKEN FOR RELIGIOUS PURPOSES ONLY CAN BE ALLOWED WITH A PERMIT ONLY.** Importers must contact the Permit Office vsdpermits@moa.gov.jm
- **PASTEURISED MILK, CHEESE AND BUTTER**
- **PET FOOD OR TREATS over the 10lb/ 5kg allowance** and up to the maximum weight limit of 45kgs per person(**MUST** remain in the **ORIGINAL PACKAGING** indicating what the product is and proof of country of origin)

A PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL ITEMS LISTED BELOW IRRESPECTIVE OF THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

- **ALL LIVE ANIMALS-** including all domestic cats, dogs and other pets require a Veterinary Import Permit under the law (The Animals(Diseases and Importation Act) 1948 – link [Guidelines for the Importation of Dogs and Cats into Jamaica -The Animals Diseases \(Importation\) Control \(Amendment\) Regulations, 2017 | Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Mining](#)
Restrictions/ Prohibitions on live animals vary, depending on the specie **AND** the country of origin. In most cases a risk evaluation is required and does not guarantee approval of application or request. **A CITES PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL PROTECTED ANIMALS OR ENDANGERED SPECIE.** Please contact NEPA.
- **ANIMAL FEED-** feed intended for use in domestic livestock (poultry, cattle, small ruminants)
- **FEATHERS, TAXIDERMY, SEA SHELLS OR SAND– A CITES PERMIT IS REQUIRED FOR PROTECTED ITEMS OR ENDANGERED SPECIE.** Please contact NEPA.
- **ORNAMENTAL FISH-** a permit is required for **ALL** quantities of ornamental fish regardless of country of origin. A permit from the National Fisheries Authority is required prior to applying for a veterinary Import permit and **MUST** be submitted to the VSD at the Permit Office in support of an application for import.
- **VETERINARY PHARMACEUTICALS AND NUTRACEUTICALS-** a Veterinary Import Permit is required for all domestic imports of veterinary drugs, biologicals and nutraceuticals (topical and oral anti-parasitic treatments, pet vitamins and supplements, and other drugs). A letter attesting to the supervised use of the drug from a registered veterinarian licensed to practice veterinary medicine in Jamaica **MUST** be submitted along with the application for import.