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THIS GUIDE OUTLINES ITEMS THAT REQUIRE IMPORT PERMITS IN JAMAICA, AS WELL AS THOSE THAT ARE COMPLETELY BANNED OR HAVE SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS.

The Jamaica Customs Agency wants to help you navigate import regulations smoothly. This guide will help you avoid unintentional breaches.

Unfamiliarity with permit requirements for certain goods can lead to unintended violations of the Customs Act. Since ignorance is not an excuse for the law, the Jamaica Customs Agency prioritizes educating and assisting importers in complying with regulations, rather than imposing penalties.

While this guide contains a substantial list of permit-restricted items, it is important to note that it is not exhaustive. The government reserves the right to modify the list by adding or removing items, so please consult the relevant agency for the latest update.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

We have compiled a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) that will address the most common questions about what you can and cannot bring into the Island, covering prohibited items, restricted items, and permit requirements.

✔ Can I import Ham for Christmas Dinner?

All meat imports, regardless of type or quantity, require an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. This ensures the safety and quality of meat entering the country.

✔ Can Red Kidney Beans be imported without a permit ?

Commercial imports of Red Kidney Beans require an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. This helps to ensure food safety and protects the local agricultural industry.

✔ Is it okay for my child to travel with his toy gun ?

While toy guns may seem harmless, they are considered a potential threat in Jamaica and can be used for criminal activities. To ensure public safety, importing any toy gun requires a permit from the Ministry of National Security.

✔ Can camouflage clothing be imported?

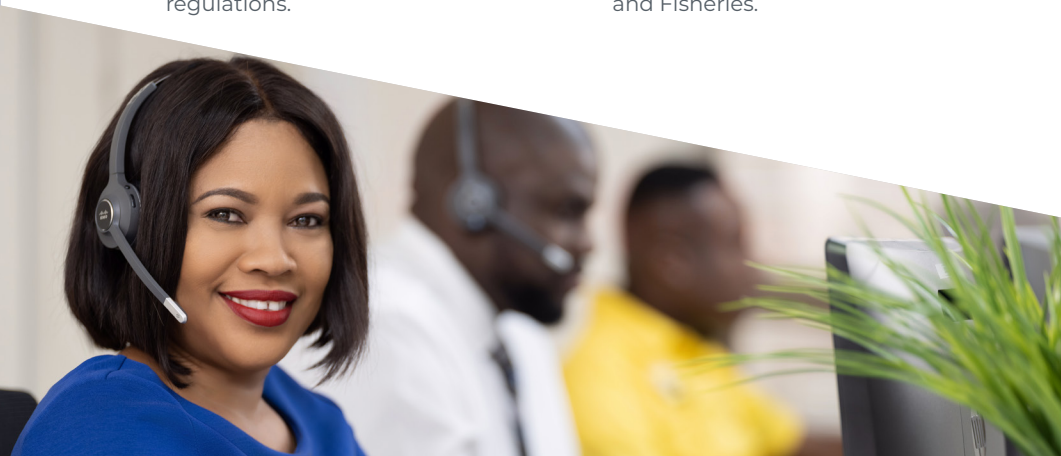
Importing camouflage clothing and denim similar to the apparel of the Jamaica Constabulary Force is restricted in Jamaica. This type of apparel is reserved for military personnel only. Wearing of this type of apparel can be mistaken for impersonation of the Jamaica Defense Force or the Jamaica Constabulary Force.

✔ Do I need a permit to import the remains of my a relative ?

Importing human remains, whether a full body, cremated ashes, or any part, requires a permit from the Ministry of Health & Wellness. This ensures proper handling and documentation to respect both the deceased and national regulations.

✔ Are fruits and vegetables restricted items ?

Importing agricultural items can unknowingly bring along harmful pests and diseases, posing a threat to Jamaica's ecosystems. To safeguard our environment, these items are restricted and require a permit from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.



BORDER REGULATORY AGENCIES

Do not risk delays or confiscation at the border! Contact the relevant border regulatory agency prior to importation and ensure you have the necessary permits:

✓ **Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries:
(Plant Quarantine)**

- Fresh Fruits & Vegetables
- Plants & Plant products
- Red Peas (in commercial quantities)
- Ground Provisions
- Honey (Prohibited Item)



✓ **Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries:
(Veterinary services Division)**

- Meat (Raw or Cooked)
- Live Animals
- Milk & its by-products
- Pet & Animal Foods
- Processed Meats & Sausages





Jamaica Agricultural Commodities Regulatory Authority (JACRA)

- Coconut Derivatives
- Oil Producing Seeds
- Edible Oils



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- Motor Vehicles
- Sugar (Granulated)
- Firearms
- Explosives
- Fireworks



Ministry of Health & Wellness

- Pharmaceuticals
- Chemicals
- Human Remains





Spirits Pool Association Ltd

- Alcohol in Bulk



Ministry of National Security (MNS)

- Firearm Parts
- Firearm Holsters
- Ammunition
- Bullet Proof Vests
- Toy Guns
- Bows & Arrows
- Pepper Sprays
- Taser / Stun Gun
- Tactical Flashlights
- Night Vision Goggles
- Swords / Spears
- Firearm Cleaning Kits
- Motorcycles (700cc & above)
- Swipe card readers
- Camouflage Clothing & Materials
- Handcuffs



CONTACT INFORMATION

Find helpful contact information for key border regulatory agencies below:

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE & FISHERIES

Veterinary Services Division

Phone: (876) 977-2489 | (876) 927-0594

Email: vsdpermits@micaf.gov.jm or vsdpermits@gmail.com

Plant Quarantine Division

Phone: (876) 977-0637

Email: ppq@moa.gov.jm

web: micaf.gov.jm

MINISTRY OF HEALTH & WELLNESS

Phone: (876) 633-8172 | (876) 633-7771

Website: www.moh.gov.jm

Kingston & St Andrew Health Department

Phone: (876) 926-1550/2

MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY

Protective Security & Small Arms Branch

Phone: (876) 906-4908 | (876) 906-4080 | (876) 619-6062

Email: protective.security@mns.gov.jm

PESTICIDES CONTROL AUTHORITY

Phone: (876) 633 7770/2

Email: pca@caribpesticide.net

Website: www.caribpesticide.net

THE TRADE BOARD LTD

Phone: (876) 876-0507

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