

REGULATED IMPORTS

- Food products of animal origin including eggs, fresh/frozen meats (beef, poultry, pork and other meats), and fishery products such as fish, shrimp, conchs, mollusks etc;
- Wild plants and hunting trophies (jointly regulated with Forestry Department from the Ministry of Natural Resources;
- Pets (cats, dogs, rabbits, ferrets, hamsters, etc.);
- Uncured animal skins;
- Vegetative material (seeds, cuttings, etc.);
- Fruits, vegetables, flowers, cereals, plants, etc. ;
- Dairy Products;
- Bees and Bees by products;
- Vegetables, flours (corn meal, Wheat flour etc.);
- Medications and biological products;
- Pesticides for agriculture use and raw material..



(Note that the above is not an exhaustive list).

If you have any questions upon your arrival in Belize you can ask the BAHA officer after you pick up your luggage.

PROHIBITED IMPORTS

- All fruits and vegetables unless accompanied by a valid Import Permit and comply with conditions of importation;
- Soil;
- Bales of hay, straw or any straw decorations;
- Homemade cheese and other similar high risk commodities
- Animal flour (bone meal);
- All restricted articles which do not comply with the import regulations of Belize

Help us Protect Belize from Exotic Pests and Diseases!

For information on import requirements contact our BAHA website at www.baha.bz or our enquiry point at bahasps@btl.net.
Tel: 501-824-4899; 501-824-4872 and 501-824-4873 or Fax: 501-824-4889



or 501-824-3773.



Animals And Plants

And those products that can be imported into Belize.

General Guide for Visitors to Belize

- Requirements for Personal Use
- Requirements for Cats and Dogs
- Prohibited Imports

BE INFORMED

For more information visit the nearest **BAHA** office Or call the SPS Enquiry Point: (501) 824-4899
or BAHA's main office (501) 822-0818/0197;

Website: www.baha.bz; **Email:** bahasps@btl.net or baha@btl.net

REASONS FOR SAFEGUARDING AGRICULTURAL HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY IN BELIZE

BELIZE

Belize has an agricultural based economy and is known to be free of several pests and diseases which are present within the region. Additionally, it has a great diversity of flora and fauna which merit our constant vigilance in ensuring that their existence is not threatened/or jeopardized.

A few pests and diseases which are exotic to Belize include: the Screw Worm, Khapra Beetle, Oriental fruit fly, Pink Hibiscus Mealy bug and the Mediterranean Fruit fly, Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (mad cow disease), Anthrax, Foot and Mouth disease, Classical Swine Fever, Avian Influenza, and the White Spot Virus.

It is important for Belize to prevent the introduction of these pests and diseases. Visitors can help us to keep these exotic pests and diseases out of Belize. When visiting Belize for vacation, business or immigrating, please visit our website or call us for information on the general requirements that apply for importation of Agricultural based and processed products into Belize.

This guideline has been designed to facilitate your compliance with Belize's import regulations for food and other agricultural products. Declare all food and agricultural products to the Quarantine Inspector upon arrival. In general certain products may only be imported if accompanied by a valid import permit from BAHA and comply with the import requirements. This is to avoid the inadvertent introduction of pests or diseases which could devastate agricultural production or affect food safety in Belize.

THE ROLE YOU PLAY

1. Upon arrival, complete a customs declaration form. Please read it thoroughly and fill it out carefully. (Note: Customs declaration form is a legal document and any false declaration could result in fines and penalties being levied).
2. All food items are regulated by law in Belize and must be accompanied by a valid import permit. Therefore if you bring food or products of animal or plant origin in your luggage you must declare them upon arrival to Belize.
3. Declare all food and plants and animal products to the Quarantine Officer. Upon inspection it will be determined whether the imports are allowed, regulated or prohibited...

THE FOLLOWING DEFINITIONS WILL HELP YOU.

PRODUCTS FOR PERSONAL USE

You can bring products in quantities for personal consumption if they don't risk introducing a pest or disease. They are subject to inspection

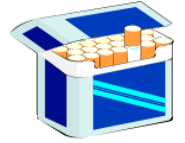
REGULATED IMPORTS

Products can be brought into Belize depending on the country of origin and manufacturing process and provided they have fulfilled the requirements established for their imports.

PROHIBITED IMPORTS

Under no circumstances can you bring products into Belize that represent a risk of introducing a pest or disease.

PRODUCTS FOR PERSONAL USE



- Cooked food; processed cheese;
- USDA certified hams and turkeys for personal consumption; must be accompanied by a Valid import permit from BAHA. Must not exceed one of each per family;
- Roasted coffee; prunes, packaged spices; preserved fruits and vegetables;
- Cured leather products; and
- Cured tobacco in quantities as per Customs regulations

• Food Safety: your food—your health—your life!

Guidelines for importation of Cats and Dogs



- Cats and dogs must be accompanied by a Valid Import Permit from BAHA.
- Must have a recent veterinary certificate of health (14 days)
- Must have a valid rabies certificate; not less than one month. This certification can be included in the Veterinary Certificate;
- Quarantine Inspection at the port of entry is required for all cats and dogs;
- Other conditions as specified.

Additional information:

- Cats or dogs without a valid rabies vaccination will be placed in confinement until its rabies vaccination is valid (any cost associated with this is to be borne by the importer);
- Dogs and cats coming from countries considered of risk (for example, there is the risk of screwworm in dogs and cats coming from South America) will need to undergo veterinary inspection at the port of entry. Additional fees apply.