

What Can You Bring Into Singapore?

Many travellers may wish to bring in food, animals, fish and plants into Singapore, but do you know that there are restrictions on what you can bring in from overseas?

The Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) is responsible for ensuring a resilient supply of safe food and safeguarding the health of animals and plants for the well-being of both Singaporeans and our visitors. You can help us by observing the guidelines on the types, quantities and sources of food, animals, fish and plants that you bring into Singapore.

Bringing Food Into Singapore

No permit required for small amounts

The types of food and amounts that can be brought into Singapore from approved sources without a permit from AVA are indicated in the table. **These quantities are strictly for personal consumption and not for sale. Travellers must be aware of the risks associated with consuming such food items, which have not undergone checks by AVA.** Approved sources may change due to health and safety reasons. For the latest listing, please visit the AVA website at www.ava.gov.sg.

Larger amounts require a permit

You may bring in larger quantities of these products if you have an import permit from AVA. You must also comply with the various prevailing import conditions, for example, the submission of health certificates, and the requirement for the product to be inspected and sampled among others.

Types of Food	Countries from which the product may be imported directly	Personal Allowance
Meat		
Meat (all forms of meat products, including cooked food containing meat)) A total of 5 kg per person))
Beef	Argentina, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa, Uruguay)
Mutton	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Ireland, New Zealand, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Uruguay, USA))
Pork	Australia, Belgium, Canada, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, The Netherlands, USA))
Poultry	Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Denmark, France, Ireland, South Africa, Switzerland, The Netherlands, USA))
Seafood		
Fish products (except frozen cooked crabmeat, frozen cooked prawn meat and live or frozen oysters)	All countries) 5 kg per person (provided) that the total quantity of all) seafood products does) exceed 5 kg per person)
Live or frozen oysters	Australia, Canada, France, Ireland, New Zealand, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, USA))

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Frozen cooked crabmeat and frozen cooked prawn meat	All countries	2 kg per person (provided that the total quantity of all seafood products does not exceed 5 kg per person)
Eggs	Australia, Japan, New Zealand, Sweden, USA	Up to 30 eggs per person.
Hen Eggs		
Fruits and Vegetables		
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables	All countries. However, a phytosanitary certificate is required for fresh fruits and vegetables from the American tropics (which includes Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Rep, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guyana, Grenada, Guadeloupe, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Martinique, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Puerto Rico, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Venezuela, Virgin Islands).	Small, reasonable quantities hand carried for personal consumption.
Processed Food	All countries	
Processed Food Products (all food products except meat and seafood products, fresh fruits and vegetables)		Total weight or volume does not exceed 5 kg/litres and the total value is not more than S\$100 per person.

Bringing Animals, Fish And Plants Into Singapore

Travellers bringing in animals, fish and plants into Singapore require an import permit from AVA. If these animals, fish and plants are endangered species listed under CITES (www.cites.org), a CITES export or re-export permit from the exporting country is also needed. Other conditions like AVA's veterinary and plant health requirements will also need to be complied with.

If you bring in quantities in excess of your personal allowance, you will have to comply with additional prevailing import requirements which apply to commercial imports. For more information, please visit the AVA website at www.ava.gov.sg.

Types of animals, fish and plants	Requirements for bringing in animals, fish and plants	Personal Allowance
CITES-listed species Animals & Birds		
Live, dead, including its parts and derivatives (E.g. ivory, skin, horn, bone, shell, scale, teeth, egg, trophy, carving, skeleton, feathers, meat and wildlife souvenirs etc)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CITES Export or Re-export Permits from the exporting country. 2. CITES Import Permit from AVA. 3. Meet AVA's veterinary requirements including inspection, quarantine and sampling. 	All imports must comply with the requirements stated

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<p>Fish</p> <p>Live, dead, including its parts and derivatives (E.g. skin, bone, shell, scale, teeth, egg, trophy, carving, skeleton, and wildlife souvenirs etc)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CITES Export or Re-export Permits from the exporting country. 2. CITES Import Permit from AVA. 3. Meet AVA's veterinary requirements including inspection, quarantine and sampling. 	<p>All imports must comply with the requirements stated and subject to the following maximum quantities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard corals/Giant Clams – Not more than 5 pieces per person. • Seahorses (Live/Dried) – Not more than 5 pieces (Live)/5 kg (Dried) per person. • Asian Arowana – 1 fish per person.
<p>Plants</p> <p>Live, dead, including its parts and derivatives such as cuttings and bulbs with or without potting medium, carving and souvenirs etc (E.g. Cactus, Orchids, Agarwood, American Wild Ginseng, Ramin etc)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. CITES import/export permits: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Wild Species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CITES export or re-export permit from the country of origin • A CITES import permit from AVA b. Artificially Propagated Species <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CITES export or re-export permit from the country of origin OR a Certificate of Artificial Propagation to certify that the plants are artificially reproduced • A CITES import permit from AVA (for CITES Appendix I species only) 2. Phytosanitary certificate from the country of export (for live plants, cuttings and bulbs only). 3. Import Permit from AVA. 4. Meet AVA's plant health requirements including inspection, quarantine and sampling. 	<p>All imports must comply with the requirements stated.</p>
<p>Non-CITES listed species</p> <p>Live animals, birds, micro-organisms and veterinary vaccines</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import Permit from AVA. 2. Meet all veterinary conditions and quarantine requirements. 3. For micro-organisms, please also check with the Ministry of Health (MOH) for import requirements. 	<p>All imports must comply with the requirements stated.</p>
<p>Ornamental Fish</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Import licence from AVA. 2. Import Permit from AVA for every consignment. 3. Inspection and sampling. 4. The import of piranhas is strictly prohibited. 	<p>No permits required for up to 30 pieces of ornamental fish in 3 litres of water per person.</p>

Types of animals, fish and plants	Requirements for bringing in animals, fish and plants	Personal Allowance
Plant and plant parts (including cuttings, seeds and bulbs with or without potting medium) and potting medium (including organic fertilizer of plant origin)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Phytosanitary certificate from the country of export. 2. Import Permit from AVA. 3. Inspection/treatment by AVA. 4. Live insects & micro-organisms are prohibited unless they are for pre-approved purposes. 5. Organic fertilizer of plant origin requires an import risk assessment prior to approval for import. 	No permits required for up to 3 plants or 250 gram of seeds per person from Peninsular Malaysia.

Not sure? Seek advice

It is always advisable to check the list of personal allowances before travelling to Singapore. When in doubt, it is advisable to declare your items to the Immigration and Checkpoints Authority officers.

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