

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR TRAVELLERS TO FIJI

WARNING:

Biosecurity is your responsibility. Heavy penalties apply. If in doubt, declare it.

What you need to know

To ensure a smooth arrival in Fiji, you need to be aware of the following:

- The requirement to complete a passenger arrival card
- What items are prohibited imports
- The requirement to declare all food, plants, animals, animal products, organisms, and salt or fresh water products
- The requirement to declare all used equipment such as camping, farming, hunting, sporting, gardening, and other recreational equipment
- Restrictions that apply in relation to endangered species
- Fines and other penalties that are imposed for Biosecurity breaches

What to declare

While en route to Fiji, every traveller will be given a passenger arrival card that must be filled in before entering the country. This is a legal document.

False or incorrect declarations are in breach of the law and can result in a fine or imprisonment.

The classifications of material to be declared are:

- ⇒ Food
- ⇒ Plant and plant products
- ⇒ Live animals
- ⇒ Animal products
- ⇒ Salt and freshwater products and items associated with water
- ⇒ Used equipment
- ⇒ Soil or aggregates of all kinds
- ⇒ Biological specimens of all kinds

Food

All food items brought into Fiji, even the smallest amounts and including ingredients for cooking, **must be declared**. Food items include:

- Fresh fruit and vegetables
- Meat
- Eggs
- Seafood
- Dairy products
- Dried mushrooms and fungi
- Seeds for human consumption and for processing into food

- Nuts, spices, herbs, and un-popped popcorn
- Dried, cooked, or preserved fruit and vegetables.
- Dried, cooked, or preserved meat & meat products

Plants and Plant Products

The following plants and plant products/materials must be declared to BAF on arrival at any port of entry in Fiji by all travellers.

ALLOWED	RESTRICTED	PROHIBITED
(Must be declared to BAF)	(Must be declared to BAF) (May require treatment such as fumigation with methyl bromide as per BAF's assessment)	(Must be declared to BAF) (Not allowed entry into Fiji)
Plant products without seeds (Dried and preserved)	Dried and fresh flowers	Live plants and plant cuttings
Herbal medicines, health supplements and homeopathic remedies	Seeds of all kinds for consumption and propagation	Any souvenirs and articles made from plant materials including items stuffed with seeds and straws; example corn and wheat
	Items made of wood, example: drums, carvings, masks, weapons or musical instruments	Pinecones and similar plant products.
	Items made of bamboo, cane, rattan, coconuts and straw	
	Grains of all kinds (eg. Rice)	
	Forest and wood products including all handicrafts	
	Religious offerings	

Import Permits

Plant and plant products can be imported **with or without** an import permit if they meet certain biosecurity requirements to prevent the introduction of exotic pests and diseases to Fiji. The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji helps importers and travellers meet these requirements. Plant products that are made with plant ingredients only and are commercially prepared and labeled or fully cooked can be imported **without an import permit**.

Examples of such items are:

- Dried & grounded herbs and spices
- Roasted, chopped & kibbled, hulled, de-shelled nuts and seeds
- 100% vegetarian meals
- Commercially prepared cakes, bread and cereals, [muesli, oats, porridge, cereal bars etc.]
- 100% vegetarian spreads and dips e.g. jams, peanut butter, vegemite, syrup, vegetable dips etc.
- Commercially prepared preserved fruit & vegetables
- Vegetable shortening & oils
- Noodles with vegetable flavorings
- Baby Food with 100% vegetable & fruit ingredients.

- Commercially prepared dried or dehydrated mushroom
- Commercially prepared dried Seaweed
- Instant coffee, tea, cocoa powder, milo, non-dairy sweeteners
- Handicrafts that are treated, varnished and free from any signs of pest or disease and do not contain bark, seeds, cones and animal products
- Cosmetic products

Plant products that **must have a valid import permit**

(Download Import Permit from <http://www.baf.com.fj/cooperations/plant-and-plant-products>)

- All fresh fruit and vegetables
- Seeds of all kinds – for consumption or propagation
- Fresh plant products e.g. plant cuttings, flowers, seedlings, wood products with bark and seed cones, etc.
- Rice
- Used farm equipment and machinery
- Soil or aggregates of all kinds
- Biological specimens of all kinds

Used equipment

Used equipment, such as sporting and recreational equipment, **must be declared** on the passenger arrival card. This equipment carries the risk of transferring soil and plant material from other countries into Fiji that may carry pests, diseases and seeds – all of which can pose a threat to Fiji's environment and wildlife. Equipment must be subject to inspection on arrival so it should be easily available in your luggage. If you are unsure about whether or not equipment needs inspecting – declare it. Used equipment includes:

- All hiking and sporting footwear, including gaiters for tramping – or any footwear used outside of urban areas – which should be cleaned prior to arrival and be free of soil
- Tents and any camping equipment
- All camping food
- Hunting gear, including clothing and backpacks
- Any equipment used with animals and plants such as:
 - Farm footwear
 - Veterinary supplies.
 - Horse riding equipment, saddles and bridle gear
 - Animal shearing equipment, including clothing used while shearing animals
 - Gardening equipment
 - All equipment – such as clothing, footwear and tools – used in industries such as horticulture, viticulture (wine production), apiculture (beekeeping), aquaculture (fish farming), and forestry.
 - All used equipment must be cleaned and free of soil

What you need to do

More information on the import of live plants, plant products and the other items in this brochure can be obtained from the BAF website www.baf.com.fj or email info@baf.com.fj.

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