

## IMPORTATION OF SUGAR CONFECTIONS

The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) has assessed and reviewed the import of confectioneries from all the countries into Fiji for human consumption. The category of confectioneries covered under this alert is limited to sugar confections. Restrictions will remain for the importation of other products including food products from any country into Fiji.

Sugar confections are rich in sugar. There are various types of sugar confections: boiled sweets (sugar in a glassy state) and fondants (sugar in its crystalline state), gelatin-based candies, licorice etc.

Tabulated below are some examples of the two types of sugar confections.

<b>Boiled Sweets</b>	<b>Fondant</b>
Fruit drops, acid drops, barley sugars, hard gums, toffee, butterscotch, caramel	Fudge, marzipan, caramels, chocolates, fondant (for baking), fudge, marzipan, taffy chews
<b>Gelatin based candies</b>	<b>Other confectioneries</b>
Sour worms, gummy bears, jellybeans, gum drops	Marshmallow, licorice

The following details need to be visible on the product label in legible English language and these are mandatory requirements:

1. Products to be shelf stable.
2. Products to be commercially processed and packaged, and the package has not been broken or opened. Home-made products are not allowed.
3. Products should be stored at room temperature and not require refrigeration or freezing prior to the opening of the package.
4. Label to state country of origin.
5. Contents to show a combination of ingredients of animal origin (i.e. egg powder, milk, butter etc.) in the ingredients listing. If possible, the manufacturer can state the collective percentage of animal ingredients on the label, this would be more appropriate.
6. Products to be used for human consumption.
7. Products should not contain meat or meat-based ingredients.
8. If the processed products meet the above-mentioned requirements, the products will be allowed to be imported without requiring a BAF permit from any country.



If you are unsure if your product intended for import meets the above requirements, please contact the BAF Animal Import team for clarification. If you wish to import a new product that contains animal ingredients, into Fiji, please contact the BAF team before importation in order to ascertain whether the product will meet the above criteria and for further guidance and support.

This alert is applicable for both commercial and personal importation.

For further queries, regarding the permits prior to import any product, please contact the BAF permit team via email [info@baf.com.fj](mailto:info@baf.com.fj) and [animalimports@com.fj](mailto:animalimports@com.fj).

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