



Information for Australian travellers returning from the Hajj

Australia has strict biosecurity laws to protect our unique environment and agriculture industries from damaging pests and diseases.

If you are returning to Australia from the Hajj with food, gifts or mementos, be aware that some goods pose a high biosecurity risk and may require treatment or destruction. You must declare any food, plant or animal products you are bringing or sending, so that they can be inspected at the border.

This will help you to avoid delays, extra costs, or loss of goods that are considered high risk.

Holy Water: Holy water is permitted if it is clean and clear (no solid material in the water or on the bottom of the container) and is for private use by you and your family.

Meat: Fresh, dried or cooked meat is not permitted into Australia without an import permit.

Tobacco (raw): Raw tobacco has both biosecurity and Australian Border Force restrictions and will be sent for treatment at your expense or destroyed.

Tea and Herbs: Plain black or green teas and plain black or green teas with flavouring (essence) are allowed into Australia.

Herbal tea bags are allowed into Australia if they are labelled, only contain ingredients of plant origin and are free of non-permitted seed, animal, fungal or microbial ingredients.

Loose herbal teas and dried herbs, including spices, leaves and roots and crushed nut shells, are allowed into Australia if they only contain finely chopped ingredients of plant origin and weigh no more than 1 kilogram. The tea or herbs must be labelled with a full list of ingredients.

Herbal teas and dried herbs are not permitted if they contain: seeds that are not on the Permitted seeds list (agriculture.gov.au/permitted-seeds), unidentified seeds, insects or soil.

Neem: Green or fresh neem is not permitted, but dried neem is allowed.

Fruit (including dates, figs and pomegranates): Fresh fruit is not permitted. Most dried, commercially prepared and packaged fruits are allowed.

Dairy Products: Homemade dairy products are not permitted. Small quantities of commercially prepared and packaged dairy products are allowed.

For more information, check our website: agriculture.gov.au/languages/arabic

If you are unsure just declare all food, plant or animal products for inspection at the border.

