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Mid-Autumn Moon festival

Biosecurity



Important biosecurity information

Mooncakes and other gifts sent from overseas to celebrate the Mid-Autumn Moon festival could introduce some of the world's most damaging pests and diseases into Australia. This could devastate our valuable agricultural and tourism industries and unique environment.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources works with state and territory governments, industry and the community to maintain Australia's clean and wholesome food supply—at home and abroad. Australia's biosecurity system protects our human, animal and plant health by reducing the risk of unwanted pests and diseases arriving in the country. We all benefit from a strong biosecurity system so we all have a role to play.

How we stop biosecurity risk goods entering Australia

Biosecurity risk goods, such as mooncakes containing meat, are assessed by Department of Agriculture and Water Resources biosecurity officers using X-rays, detector dogs and manual inspection. Any packages containing biosecurity risk goods are opened and inspected by biosecurity officers.

Mid-Autumn Moon gifts that are not permitted into Australia

- mooncakes containing meat
- fresh pomelo
- star fruit
- taro (or any other fresh fruit or vegetables).

Mid-Autumn Moon gifts that are permitted into Australia

- commercially-prepared and packaged mooncakes that do not contain meat
- mooncakes with egg yolks (no meat)
- chocolate mooncakes.



Bringing mooncakes to Australia

Mooncakes containing meat are not allowed into Australia. These goods will be taken from you and destroyed.

Commercially-produced mooncakes not containing meat are allowed into Australia but must be declared for inspection either on your Incoming Passenger Card or, if being mailed, using the postal declaration.

To help maintain Australian biosecurity, please make family and friends overseas aware of Australia's biosecurity requirements and remind them not to send mooncakes containing meat. And remember, there is a large range of mooncakes available in Australia, so it isn't necessary to bring them with you from overseas.



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