

## Glossary

MOA - Ministry of Agriculture  
MOH - Ministry of Health  
MNS - Ministry of National Security  
PRAD - Pharmaceutical Regulatory Affair Division  
KSAH - Kingston and St. Andrew Health Department



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# RESTRICTED ITEMS



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Importers are sometimes unaware of the various permit requirements as it relates to the importation of goods. As a result, they are found to be in contravention of the Customs Act.

Ignorance is no excuse under the law, instead the Customs Agency would prefer to have knowledgeable customers who are compliant with the rules and regulations rather than to penalize.

Please see list of items for which permits are required. Note this list is subject to change as items are added and taken off as the Government dictates.



## ITEMS NEEDING A PERMIT FROM THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY



Camouflage clothing & material



Bullet Proof Vests



Crossbows



Motorcycles over 700cc



Spears



Handcuffs



Radar Detectors



Sword



Toy Guns



Metal Detectors



Riot Gears

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Gun Cleaning Kits



Armoured Truck



Gun Holsters



Bows & Arrows



Credit Card Scanner



Gun powder and cartridge



Laser Lights



Dynamite & Nitro-glycerine



Fire crackers & Flares



Pepper Spray

## Frequently asked Questions

1. I would like to take with me my turkey and ham for my Christmas vacation, is this allowed?

Ans: The importation of meats whether processed or not is restricted and will require a permit from our Ministry of Agriculture before importation (permit contact information overleaf).

2. Can red peas (red kidney beans) be imported without a permit?

Ans: The importation of red peas (red kidney beans) requires a permit from our Ministry of Agriculture. (see overleaf).

3. I would like to take in my suitcase, toy guns and fire crackers for my young family members, is this allowed?

Ans: The importation of these items are restricted as they are deemed as threat and can be used for illicit purposes if received in the wrong hands. The requisite permits will be needed for importation of these items - see overleaf.

4. Why can't camouflage clothing be imported?

Ans: This gear is intended for military purposes and should be worn ONLY by military officials. It will be deemed as an impersonation or a threat if civilians are caught wearing this type of clothing.







5. Will I need a permit to take home the remains of my deceased family member?

Ans: Yes, a KSAH permit is required for the importation of all human remains (corpse or ashes). The contact details are overleaf .









6. Why are fruits and vegetables restricted items?

Ans: To prevent the importation of pests and plant diseases which may be present in these produce which can pose a threat to our food security. The requisite permit is needed before bringing these items (see overleaf).

**Various items needing permits from respective agencies and their contact information**

Restricted Items	Requirement	Issuing Agency	Telephone/website
<b>Meat/Animals</b> 	Permit/Certificate	MOA	977-2489 977-2492 977-6992 (fax) www.moa.gov.jm email: vsd@moa.gov.jm
<b>Red Peas</b> 	Permit/ Phyto Sanitary Certificate	MOA	977-0637 977-6401 9776992 (fax) www.moa.gov.jm ppq@moa.gov.jm plantquaranti- nehq@gmail.com
<b>Fruits, Vegetables, Plants &amp; Plant Products</b> 	Phyto Sanitary Certificate / Permit	MOA	977-0637 977-6401 977-6992 (fax) www.moa.gov.jm ppq@moa.gov.jm plantquaranti- nehq@gmail.com
<b>Ground Provision</b> 	Phyto Sanitary Certificate /Permit	MOA	977-0637 977-6401 977-6992 (fax) www.moa.gov.jm ppq@moa.gov.jm plantquaranti- nehq@gmail.com
<b>Pharmaceuticals, Chemicals, Herbal Teas</b> 	PSD Certificate	PRAD/MOH	633-7433 633-7145/6 shaws@moh.gov.jm
Firearms, and Accessories Ex- plosives, Fire- works, Sword 	Permit/License to Import	MNS/Trade Board	619-6063 967-0507

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Restricted Items	Requirement	Issuing Agency	Telephone/ website
<b>Sugar</b> 	Licence	Trade Board	967-0507
<b>Coconut Derivatives, Oil producing Seeds, Edible Oils, Soaps</b> 	Permit	Coconut Industry Board	926-1770-2
<b>Motor Vehicles</b> 	License	Trade Board	967-0507
<b>Alcohol in Bulk</b> 	Spirit Pool Permit	Spirit Pool Association Ltd	968-4455 926-5944 laven- turner@spiritpoo l.com
<b>Human Remains</b> 	KSAH Permit	Kingston & St. Andrew Health Dept. MOH	926-1550-1 922-2587
<b>Pesticides</b> 	Permit	Pesticides Control Authority	906-6939
<b>Milk Powder Milk Based Products</b> 	Licence/Permit	MOA	977-2489 977-2492 email: vsd@moa. gov.jm
<b>Radios (Two— Way)</b> 	Licence/Approval	Spectrum Management Authority	967 7948 Fax -922-4093 922-8884