

Summary of Hawaii's Import Requirements

General Requirements

Agricultural items include all plants, plant parts, animals, microorganism cultures, soil, and related containers and packing materials.

Plants, Plant Parts, and Soil: Most plants are permitted into the State after inspection. However, Hawaii does not allow the following to be shipped into the State without prior arrangements for permit and/or quarantine, treatment, or certification:

- Sugarcane and grass plants (bamboo, sod, lawn grass)
- Pineapple and bromelind plants and fruits
- Coffee plants and seeds
- Cruciferous root crops (radish, horseradish, rutabaga, turnip or daikon)
- Orchid plants and bulbs
- Banana plants
- Passion fruit plants and seeds
- Pine plants (all Pinus species)
- Coconut plants and parts, including nuts
- Corn and related plants and parts (broomcorn, sorghum, fresh corn on the cob)
- Palm plants and seeds from the US
- Pulpy fruits from Florida or Puerto Rico
- Various noxious weeds (yellow nutsedge, blackberry, Madeira vine, spiny tree cactus, quackgrass)
- Sand, soil, or earth

Live Non-Domestic Animals and Microorganisms: Hawaii does not allow live, non-domestic animals and cultures of microorganisms to be shipped into the State without prior arrangements for permits by the Plant Quarantine Branch:

1. Non-domestic animals (all nematodes, worms, shellfish, crustaceans, insects, seafood, amphibians, reptiles, birds, fishes, and mammals, except domestic animals)
 - ***Alligators, ants, biocontrol insects, bulbs, coconut crabs, electric catfishes, ferrets, gerbils, hamsters, hermit crabs, honey bees, land snails, loin fishes, lizards, lories, monk parakeets, needlefishes, piranhas, snakes, snapping turtles, squirrels, toucans, wolf-dogs, and many other animals are prohibited***
2. Microorganisms and microbial products (all algae, protozoans, bacteria, fungi, mushroom spawn, viruses, and products that contain these organisms).

Live Domestic Animals: The importation of all live, domestic animals (common livestock or poultry, dogs, cats) are prohibited without a valid health certificate, permit, and quarantine under rules administered by the Animal Industry Division, Hawaii Department of Agriculture. For specific information, write or call the Division at 99-941 Halawa Valley Street, Aiea, HI 96701, Phone: (808) 483-7100.

Animal Quarantine: For information on the 5-day checklist for animal quarantine please see website: http://www.hawaiiag.org/hdoa/ai_ags_info.htm

Permits: All other agriculture permits are required in advance of importation by the Plant Quarantine Branch, Hawaii Department of Agriculture. For specific information on restrictions, write or call the Branch at 701 Ilalo Street, Honolulu, HI 96813, Phone: **(808) 837-8413**.

Labeling: All agriculture parcels entering the State must be clearly labeled as follows:

1. Live plants, fresh fruits, fresh vegetables, soil, live animals, or live microorganisms and
2. May be opened for agriculture inspection

Invoice: Invoice must show the exact contents of the parcel or container by listing the name of the item and the quantity.

Penalty: Any person or company who violates Chapter 150A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, or rules adopted under this chapter, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to fines ranging from \$100-\$25,000 and/or one year in jail, and costs for recapturing, eradicating, or controlling the pest.

For all transportation companies, freight forwarders, airlines, cruise lines, express mail services, postal service, importers, military, and general public.