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# **Travellers' Guide**

# South African biosecurity matters!

### "Protecting South African agriculture, biodiversity and economy"









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## **DON'T BAG A BUG**

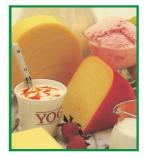
Travellers should declare all animals, animal products, plants, plant products and other controlled goods at Customs upon arrival in South Africa. This is a mandatory measure that the South African Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development takes in order to protect the health of humans, animals and plants in its territories.

Imported consignments are screened and inspected routinely for pests and diseases. Based on the outcome of these inspections, they may be rejected or re turned to the country of origin, destroyed, treated or cleared and released into South Africa.

Passenger luggage is also screened. Offi cials from Inspection Services use detector dogs to discover any plants, plant material, animals and animal products, food items or liquor products that might be present. These are subjected to import conditions.

Persons failing to declare items will face fines of up to R20 000 or face imprisonment.











### **PLEASE DECLARE**

Travellers should ensure that they comply with the import conditions and follow the correct procedures when importing agri cultural products and other regulated goods, irrespective of quantity, quality or intended use. Please declare the following products:

- live animals and animal products, including:
  - meat and meat products and skins dairy and dairy products
- plants and plant products, including: flowers, fruit and vegetables tobacco, bamboo, plant roots and cuttings
- any other potentially harmful items or carriers of foreign pests, including: curios from plant and animal material growth medium and soil honey and honey products insects pathogens liquor products

NB: On arrival at the airport if you have something to declare, PLEASE proceed to the red line. If you do not, proceed to the green line.