

# Traveller's Guide to Tasmanian Quarantine – What You Can and Can't Bring into Tasmania

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Tasmania has some of the world's most stringent quarantine regulations. Please help us retain Tasmania's disease-free status by ensuring that when you visit us you are not carrying or importing any restricted items. The introduction of a pest or disease into a production area can result in expensive controls being implemented and loss of markets, which can cost primary industries and the community millions of dollars.



**This quick reference guide can help you as you travel to Tasmania, but remember, requirements may change. To stay up to date, or for further information, please contact Quarantine Tasmania Phone (03) 6233 3352**

## **YES** - What you can bring into Tasmania

**When travelling to Tasmania from ALL mainland States you may bring in the following goods:**

- Dried nuts
- Processed foods including dried, cooked and canned fruit and vegetables
- Freeze dried camping foods
- Meat for human/personal consumption including salami, hams and meat sticks
- Canned fish (all)
- Tanned skins and hides (all) including antlers and horns
- Cheese, milk and other dairy products
- Honey
- Noodles, pasta, rice, bread, cereals and sauces
- Tea, coffee and biscuits
- Poultry and poultry hatching eggs
- Cats
- Horses (including ponies, mules and donkey)
- Baby food

**Permits are required for the following items coming into Tasmania: (available by contacting Quarantine in your originating State)**

- Bulbs, corms etc. that are dormant and free of soil
- Fruit, vegetables and cut flowers
- Plants and nursery stock
- Seeds and grain
- Native birds and wildlife

- Livestock/Domestic Animals
- Soil and plant samples imported for analytical purposes at quarantine approved laboratories

## NO - What you can't bring into Tasmania



These items are either fully prohibited, need specific certification or require treatment.

**Ask** = Please contact the [relevant authority](#). Or ring to talk with a Quarantine Officer in Tasmania Phone (03) 6233 3352.

Items entering Tasmania	From all Australian States and Territories	Reason or Action required?
Abalone and abalone products (all) including fresh, frozen, dried, vacuum sealed etc.	<b>No</b>	<a href="#">Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis</a>
Aquarium fish (except goldfish) and molluscs	<b>Ask</b>	Telephone: (03) 6233 3352
Agricultural equipment – Checklist for used and field tested Harvesters and harvesting equipment.	<a href="#">Ask</a>	Treatment to remove soil at owner's expense.
Harvesters and harvesting equipment - used and field tested.	Mandatory inspection in Tasmania of all imported harvesters and harvesting equipment. <a href="#">Ask</a>	Dirty machinery may contain biosecurity threats including soil-bourne contaminants, noxious weeds and restricted plant material. <a href="#">Refer to the checklist.</a>
Apple/pear trees, cuttings and fruit	<b>No</b>	Fire blight and Fruit fly
Banana plants and seeds of Musaceae species	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk
Native birds and wildlife (including caged birds)	<b>No</b>	Government permit required for all native animals and birds
Capsicum fruit, plants and seed	<b>No</b>	Tobacco blue mould and fruit fly
Citrus plants	<b>No</b>	Citrus canker, fruit fly
Cut flowers and foliage	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk
Dogs	<b>Yes*</b> <b>*Provided that the dog(s) meet with <a href="#">entry requirements under the Animal Health Act</a>.</b> <b>Please read the <a href="#">Bringing a Dog into Tasmania Fact Sheet</a>.</b>	Require treatment for <a href="#">Hydatids</a> tape worm ( <a href="#">some exceptions</a> ) call <b>1800 684 215</b>
Fallow deer skins, hides and carcasses (untanned)	<b>Ask</b>	Wildlife Permit may be required. Phone (03) 6233 6556
Feral animals: fox, cane toads, dingo.	<b>No</b>	Fully prohibited

European carp, Mexican walking fish		
Fin Fish (Boney Fish, Sharks etc.)	<b>Ask</b>	Special Authority Apply Animal Health <a href="#">Restrictions on Fish &amp; Fish Products</a>
Other Fish & Fish Products - includes Fin Fish, Crustaceans and live Molluscs	<b>Ask</b>	New conditions apply Special Authority may be required
Fishing equipment (all) - marine and freshwater - including boats, scuba gear, waders, wetsuits / diving equipment, etc.	<a href="#">Check/Clean/Drain/Dry</a>	<a href="#">Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis</a> <a href="#">Caulerpa</a> (seaweed) <a href="#">Didymo</a> (rock snot) <a href="#">Checklist form</a>
Fox and fox products (untanned) including fresh, frozen or dried skins, carcasses, urine, scats, etc.	<b>No</b>	<a href="#">Prohibited unless accompanied by Animal Health Special Authority</a>
Fruit and vegetables	<b>No</b>	Fruit fly and multiple pest/disease risk
Garden tools and walking boots with soil	<b>Ask</b>	Treatment to remove soil at owner's expense
Goldfish, aquarium fish	<b>No</b>	Goldfish ulcer disease
Grape vines, cuttings and bud wood	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk
Honeycomb, bees and used bee keeping equipment	<b>No</b>	Small hive beetle
Hunting trophies - see Fox & fox products; Fallow deer skins; Tanned skins and hides	<b>Ask</b>	<a href="#">Restrictions apply on the importation of fox and fox products to Tasmania</a>
Leafy vegetables	<b>No</b>	Western flower thrip
Livestock: cattle, pigs and sheep	<b>Ask</b>	Specific entry conditions apply
Maize, corn seed	<b>No</b>	Boil smut
Molluscs (live) including mussels, oysters etc.	<b>Ask</b>	New conditions apply Special Authority may be required
<a href="#">Myrtaceae</a>	<b>No</b>	Myrtle rust
Orchids	<a href="#">Ask</a>	New entry requirements apply
Peas in the pod and seed	<b>No</b>	Pea weevil
Pets	<b>Ask</b>	Cats – allowed, Dogs – see above

Pot plants and nursery stock (see also Orchids)	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk <a href="#">Bringing Pot Plants into Tasmania</a>
Potatoes	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk
Salmon	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk
Seeds for sowing	<b>Ask</b>	Specific entry conditions apply
Snails, live fish, worms/fish bait (see <a href="#">Pest Fish</a> 🌐)	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk
Soil	<b>No</b>	Multiple pest/disease risk
Stock feed/hay, grain, bird food, lupins	<b>Ask</b>	Specific entry conditions apply
Tanned skins and hides (all) including antlers and horns	<b>Yes</b>	Allowed entry
Timber, logs and wood	<b>Ask</b>	European house borer <b>Untreated Pine, Fir and Spruce wood and timber products not allowed from Western Australia</b>
Tomato plants and seeds	<b>No</b>	Tobacco blue mould
Watercraft (all) - marine and freshwater - including fishing boats, jet skis, yachts, kayaks, canoes, etc.	<a href="#">Check/Clean/Drain/Dry</a>	Mandatory inspection for <a href="#">Abalone Viral Ganglioneuritis</a> <a href="#">Caulerpa</a> (seaweed) prevention <a href="#">Didymo</a> (rock snout) <a href="#">Checklist form</a>
Weeds - aquatic and terrestrial, including seeds	<b>No</b>	Fully prohibited. <a href="#">More information about declared weeds.</a>
Yabbies (Freshwater Crayfish)	<b>No</b>	Fully prohibited, dead or alive.

## Additional Information for the importation of Horses to Tasmania for the Tom Quilty Gold Cup Endurance Ride

Horses, mules, ponies and donkeys (Equidae)	Allowed entry to Tasmania	No restrictions apply. <a href="http://www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/importinganimals">www.dpipwe.tas.gov.au/importinganimals</a> (Horses are listed under Animals with <b>Unrestricted Entry</b> Requirements)
Animal Health Act 1995 (TAS)	General Authority	Horses may be imported into Tasmania without specific entry requirement under the <i>Animal Health Act 1995</i> .

Horse feed	Feed such as grain/seeds, carrots, apples and hay will not be allowed	Sorry, not allowed unless accompanied by a Plant Health Certificate issued by
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		DPI in the State of Origin.
Horse bedding (suggest rubber mats or sawdust)	Hay and straw not allowed	Sorry, not allowed unless accompanied by a Plant Health Certificate issued by DPI in the State of Origin.
Bags of chaff or Lucerne	Or horse feed pellets that contain wheat, barley, oats, maize seeds/grains	Not allowed into Tasmania. (A Seed Analysis Report is required for all stock feeds to TAS)
Food and water during Bass Strait Crossing	To be kept to a bare minimum	See: Animal Welfare Guidelines.

Horse riding gear- new	Allowed entry	
Horse Riding gear- USED	Subject to inspection upon arrival in Tasmania.	Used horse riding gear and equipment must be free of Quarantine risk material such as soil, seeds and insects
Horse floats and other equipment	Subject to inspection upon arrival in Tasmania.	Inspection upon arrival in Devonport Tasmania. All equipment must be free of Quarantine risk material such as soil, seeds and insects

**It is a condition of entry that all animals are healthy.** Animals known to be in their final trimester of pregnancy, or showing signs of advanced pregnancy, should not be transported across Bass Strait. Animal welfare requirements for the transport of livestock across Bass Strait are outlined in the [Animal Welfare Guidelines - Transport of Livestock Across Bass Strait](#), including the **Animal Welfare declaration** that must be signed by the transporter and master of the vessel. See also [Movement Requirements for Stock](#) 🌐.


**Animal Health and Welfare contact Officer is Dr. Debbie Grull (Vet)  
Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment,  
Animal Health and Welfare Branch  
PO Box 303 Devonport Tasmania 7310 Phone (03) 64217 641**

### Frequently asked questions:

**Horse Flu** – The last of the EI-related restrictions was lifted on 1 July 2008. However, there are many important lessons to be learned from the outbreak. They include:

- Have at least some basic biosecurity measures on your property – in particular anyone handling your horse should wash their hands and clean their equipment before doing so;
- If taking your horse to an event, you must ensure your horse is healthy;
- Encourage the organisers of events to collect and hold basic tracing information (at least owners' names and addresses and contact details, the horse's identification and its location after the event). This information would

be most helpful if a disease were detected after the event.

Other Horse related information as provided by Biosecurity Tasmania	<p><a href="http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/CPAS-5SH5RL?open">http://www.dpiw.tas.gov.au/inter.nsf/WebPages/CPAS-5SH5RL?open</a></p> <p><b>Hendra virus</b> – The risk of Hendra virus in Tasmania is very low because we do not have flying foxes (the natural host of the Hendra virus) in Tasmania. If you are bringing a horse into Tasmania from (or back from) Queensland or northern New South Wales, the risk of bringing this disease in with your horse is also low. However, as a precaution, you should follow the normal recommended biosecurity practice of keeping a close eye on your horse for a couple of weeks after it arrives and contact your vet if you see any signs suggesting Hendra virus (or any other exotic disease). Further reading: <a href="#">Hendra Virus Overview</a>  (Biosecurity Queensland).</p>
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**IMPORTANT:** This information relates to Tasmanian domestic travellers only. Each Australian State has different quarantine regulations so please check with each State individually. [www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au](http://www.quarantinedomestic.gov.au)



For commercial Tasmanian imports and exports please contact Quarantine Tasmania directly for specific requirements on (03) 6233 3352.



## Contact Details

### Tasmanian Quarantine

For more information for people travelling to Tasmania:

Any additional questions or queries relating to the importation of plants and plant products or animal and animal products into Tasmania please ring and speak with Sabatino Cesile of Quarantine Tasmania on Phone (03)6233 3205 Mobile 0418 127 425
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Phone: 03 6233 3352 (or 1800 084 881 for quarantine service in your state)

Fax: 03 6234 6785

Email: [Quarantine.Enquiries@dpiw.tas.gov.au](mailto:Quarantine.Enquiries@dpiw.tas.gov.au)

Address: GPO Box 44, Hobart 7001

### Our Quarantine Barriers

We are very serious about quarantine, so if you do by mistake bring any restricted items into Tasmania, pass them to the quarantine officer at the barrier checkpoint for inspection. If you pass the checkpoint, our trained sniffer dogs will detect these items and you may be fined \$130 - on the spot. Also, special conditions apply for the importation of agricultural and earth moving machinery.



# Bringing a dog into Tasmania?

*New import requirements apply to stop the spread of **hydatid disease***

**Freecall** Dogs to Tasmania Hotline **1800 684 215**