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Chinese New Year Biosecurity



Important biosecurity information

Food, plant material and animal products from overseas could introduce some of the world's most damaging pests and diseases into Australia. This could devastate our valuable agriculture and tourism industries and unique environment.

Biosecurity 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. If you are expecting Chinese New Year gifts through the mail, it is important to ensure that you and your family are aware of Australia's strict biosecurity laws.

How we stop biosecurity risk goods entering Australia

Mail articles containing biosecurity risk goods are inspected by biosecurity officers using X-rays, detector dogs and manual inspection.

How to ensure your Chinese New Year gift arrives on time

Make sure your family correctly lists the contents of all mail articles and fill out any postal declaration labels or forms. Declaring items does not automatically mean they will be confiscated – in many cases goods will be of low risk and will be sent on after inspection.

Chinese New Year gifts that present a biosecurity risk

Chinese New Year gifts (containing animal or plant material) that may pose a biosecurity risk include:

- meat products, including chicken, dried beef and preserved pork sausages
- whole eggs and products containing eggs, including duck eggs
- citrus, persimmons, and fresh bamboo shoots
- fresh and dried fruit including lychees and longans
- dairy products such as milk and yoghurt
- Chinese herbal medicines containing ganoderma fungus or cordyceps
- rice.

Help protect Australia from pests and diseases

- Purchase your Chinese New Year gifts in Australia.
- Tell your family and friends overseas to consider Australia's biosecurity requirements before mailing gifts to Australia.



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