

A GUIDE TO WHAT HANDICRAFTS ARE ALLOWED INTO AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

SEA SHELLS & FEATHERS

- Plant and animal products could introduce serious pests and diseases into Australia and New Zealand, devastating their valuable agricultural industries and unique environments.
- You must declare all sea shells & feathers on arrival in Australia and New Zealand.
- Some shells and feathers may be subject to Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species legislation and will be assessed on arrival in Australia and New Zealand.



Sea shells must be free of contamination and infestation. Closed sea shells are difficult to determine if free of contamination and infestation and will likely require mandatory treatment at the owner's expense in order to be imported.



Giant African Snail (GAS) shells are often mistaken for sea shells. GAS shells are prohibited into New Zealand and will likely require mandatory treatment at the owner's expense on arrival in Australia, or alternatively, must be re-exported or destroyed.



Feathers must be clean and free of animal tissue, soil, faeces, seed and insect infestation. Feathers that are not dyed, clean and on a commercially manufactured product will require mandatory treatment on arrival in New Zealand at the owner's expense, or alternatively, must be re-exported or destroyed.



Contaminated feathers are subject to mandatory treatment on arrival in Australia at the owner's expense. Feathers that are not dyed, clean and on a commercially manufactured product will require mandatory treatment on arrival in New Zealand at the owner's expense.



Item will be returned after inspection by Department of Agriculture (Australia)/Ministry of Primary Industries (New Zealand) staff if it is found to not pose a pest or disease risk. If a risk is identified, you may have the option to pay for the item to be treated and returned to you; pay to have the item re-exported; or have the item destroyed by the Department of Agriculture/Ministry of Primary Industries.



Item will be detained after inspection by Department of Agriculture (Australia)/Ministry of Primary Industries (New Zealand) staff. Depending on the risk identified you may have the option to pay for the item to be treated and returned to you; pay to have the item re-exported; or have the item destroyed by the Department of Agriculture/Ministry of Primary Industries.