



e-Newsletter

Information from the Samoa Quarantine Service

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Export of Palusami to Australia.

This important message is for a traveller going to Australia and taking a consignment or umu of Palusami (private consignment).

It is now conditional. It simply means that there are now requirements that must be met. To be clearer, it should be a luau leaf of a taro (*Colocasia esculenta*). Not zanthosoma or talo palagi. Other ingredients can be coconut (*Cocos nucifera*) cream and onion. Please, “no luau pipi”. Other details are as follows:

1. An Import Permit is not required.
2. A Quarantine entry is not required.
3. Cooked palusami is not permitted unless the following conditions are met to the satisfaction of the Quarantine Officer inspecting the produce:
 - a) Taro leaves in the palusami must be cooked
 - b) Cooked palusami may contain taro leaves, coconut cream and onions. An aluminium foil (serving as a replacement for banana and breadfruit leaves during the cooking process) should be used.
 - c) The consignment must be accompanied by the passenger importing the goods.
 - d) The palusami must be packed in clean packaging.

The importer may be required to answer questions about the cooking/preparation process. Please, be prepared for this.

For any enquiry, please do not hesitate to contact Asuao Kirifi Pouono or Seuseu Joseph Tauati at Samoa Quarantine Service at Matautu; phone 685-20924, 22171, or 27011.

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