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Partial List of Items Prohibited/Permitted into the Gaza Strip

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The following list is approximate and partial, and it changes from time to time. It is based on information from Palestinian traders and businesspersons, international organizations, and the Palestinian Coordination Committee, all of whom "deduce" what is permitted and what is banned based on their experience requesting permission to bring goods into Gaza and the answers they receive from the Israeli authorities (approved or denied). It is not possible to verify this list with the Israeli authorities because they refuse to disclose information regarding the restrictions on transferring goods into Gaza. It should be noted that Israel permits some of the "prohibited" items into Gaza (for example: paper, biscuits, and chocolate), on the condition that they are for the use of international organizations, while requests from private merchants to purchase them are denied. For more information, see: Gisha, [Restrictions on the Transfer of Goods into Gaza: Obstruction and Obfuscation](#), January 2010.

The list of products forbidden from entering the Gaza Strip reflects the policy that was in effect until the Israeli Cabinet decision of June 20, 2010. It was then decided to formulate a list of prohibited goods, including items which are considered dual use as well as building materials (except those intended for projects approved by the Palestinian Authority). Nonetheless, the transfer of items not on these lists remains dependent on the capacity of Gaza's crossings. See Gisha's [Unraveling the closure of Gaza: What has and hasn't changed since the Cabinet decision and what are the implications?](#), July 2010, for more information.

Prohibited Items*

~~sage~~-(since 26.5.10)
~~coriander~~ (since 7.6.10)
~~spices~~ (since 7.6.10)
~~jam~~-(since 7.6.10)
~~halva~~-(since 7.6.10)
~~vinegar~~ (since 27.6.10)
~~nutmeg~~ (since 22.6.10)
~~chocolate~~ (since 22.6.10)
~~fruit preserves~~-(since 9.6.10)
~~seeds and nuts~~-(since 22.6.10)
~~biscuits~~-(since 9.6.10)
~~sweets~~ (since 22.6.10)
~~potato chips~~ (since 9.6.10)
gas for soft drinks
~~dried fruit~~ (since 22.6.10)
fresh meat
plaster
tar
wood for construction
cement
iron
glucose

Permitted Items

flour
sugar
sweetener
rice
salt
cooking oil
semolina
yeast
pasta
chickpeas
beans
kidney beans
lentils
peas
Burgul wheat
corn
lupini beans
powdered milk
dairy products
margarine
hummus paste
frozen meat, fish, and vegetables

industrial salt
plastic/glass/metal containers
industrial margarine
tarpaulin sheets for huts
fabric (for clothing)
flavor and smell enhancers
fishing rods
various fishing nets
buoys
ropes for fishing
~~nylon nets for greenhouses~~ (since 14.6.10)
spare parts for tractors
dairies for cowsheds
irrigation pipe systems
~~ropes to tie greenhouses~~ (since 14.6.10)
planters for saplings
heaters for chicken farms
musical instruments
size A4 paper
~~writing implements~~ (since 22.6.10)
notebooks
newspapers
~~toys~~ (since 22.6.10)
~~razors~~ (since 7.6.10)
sewing machines and spare parts
heaters
horses
donkeys
goats
cattle
chicks
~~towels~~ (since 22.6.10)
~~buttons~~ (since 13.6.10)
~~mattresses~~ (since 22.6.10)
~~kitchenware~~ (since 22.6.10)
~~perfume~~ (since 28.6.10)
~~cosmetic products~~ (since 28.6.10)
~~plastic chairs~~ (since 4.7.10)

vitamins and oil for animal feed
empty bags for flour
medicine and medical equipment
diapers
feminine hygiene products
toilet paper
baby wipes
shampoo & conditioner
soap & liquid soap
toothpaste
laundry detergent
fabric softener
dish soap
glass cleaner
floor cleaning fluid
cleaning liquid for bathroom use
chlorine
insecticide for household use
coffee
tea
salami meat
canned meat
canned fish
sponges for cleaning dishes
sponges for washing
mopping rags
cleaning rags
all canned food ~~except canned fruit~~
za'atar spice
black pepper
sesame
powdered chicken stock
blankets
matches
candles
brooms
mops
dustpans
trash cans
aniseed
chamomile
cinnamon
wastewater purification powder
glass - 200 trucks
water coolers + heaters
mineral water
Tahini (sesame paste)
hair brushes
hair combs
shoes
clothes
wood (for doors and window frames)
aluminum
soft plastic bags
fruit
vegetables
hay

fertilized eggs
pesticides for agriculture
soil for agriculture
particles for soil dilution
chemical fertilizer
plastic buckets
plastic crates for fruits and vegetables
plastic chicken cages
egg cartons
cartons for transporting chicks
fiberglass and plastic trays for planting
various kinds of agricultural seeds
eggs (for eating)
greenhouse nylon
various kinds of veterinary medications and products
wheat
barley
animal feed
hatcheries and spare parts for hatcheries
sage (since 26.5.10)
jam (since 7.6.10)
halva (since 7.6.10)
razors (since 7.6.10)
nylon nets for greenhouses (since 14.6.10)
ropes to tie greenhouses (since 14.6.10)
juices (since 9.6.10)
biscuits (since 9.6.10)
snacks (since 9.6.10)
ready made salads (since 9.6.10)
mayonnaise (since 13.6.10)
ketchup (since 13.6.10)
needles (since 13.6.10)
pins (since 13.6.10)
soft drinks (since 9.6.10)
spices (since 7.6.10)
food items (since 22.6.10)
towels (since 22.6.10)
buttons (since 13.6.10)
mattresses (since 22.6.10)
toys (since 22.6.10)
kitchenware (since 22.6.10)
writing implements (since 22.6.10)
vinegar (since 27.6.10)
perfume (since 28.6.10)
cosmetic products (since 28.6.10)
plastic chairs (since 4.7.10)

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