

IMPORT PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

The following schedule sets out a brief explanation of the import prohibitions and restrictions that the New Zealand Customs Service enforces at the border.

GOODS	PURPOSE	AUTHORITY	LEGISLATION
Aerosol sprays containing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFCs 11, 12, 13, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216 and 217. • A range of HCFCs and HBFCs. • Halons 1211, 1301, and 2402. • Methyl chloroform. • Carbon tetrachloride 	To protect the Earth's ozone layer.	Environmental Protection Authority	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996
Animals, plants, birds, bees, dairy and plant products, and so on.	To prevent the importation of pests and unwanted organisms.	Ministry for Primary Industries	Biosecurity Act 1993
Antarctic toothfish, Patagonian toothfish.	Conservation.	Ministry for Primary Industries	Customs Import Prohibition (Toothfish) Order 2009
Anti-personnel mines.	To enforce the provisions of the Convention on the prohibition of the use, stockpiling, production, and transfer of anti-personnel mines and on their destruction.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Anti Personnel Mines Prohibition Act 1998
Asbestos in its raw fibrous state.	To control the importation of asbestos in its raw fibrous state.	Environmental Protection Authority	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
Books, magazines, video recordings, films, computer disks, sound recordings, and so on, that are objectionable within the meaning of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993.	To prevent the importation of publications that are objectionable within the meaning of the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993.		Section 54 Customs and Excise Act 1996
Bulk importations of the following controlled (ozone depleting) substances: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CFCs 11, 12, 13, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, and 217. • A range of HCFCs and HBFCs. • Halons 1211, 1301, and 2402. • Methyl chloroform. • Carbon tetrachloride. • Methyl bromide. 	To protect the Earth's ozone layer.	Environmental Protection Authority	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996

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Cannabis utensils, such as bong, hash pipes, certain roach clips, and methamphetamine pipes. Also includes parts of any cannabis or methamphetamine utensil.	To prevent the importation of utensils that may be used for administering cannabis and methamphetamine.	Ministry of Health	Misuse of Drugs (Prohibition of Cannabis Utensils and Methamphetamine Utensils) Notice 2014/ Customs and Excise Act 1996
Chainsaws	To prevent the importation of chainsaws that do not comply with ISO 6535:2008 Portable chainsaws — chain brake performance eg, do not have a chain brake.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Unsafe Goods (Chainsaws without a chain brake) Indefinite Prohibition Notice 2012/Fair Trading Act 1986
Chemical weapons and a range of chemicals that may be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons.	To enforce the provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act 1996
Chewing tobacco that is labelled or otherwise described as suitable for chewing or for any other oral use (other than smoking).	To control the importation of chewing tobacco.	Ministry of Health	Smoke Free Environments Act 1990
Children’s nightwear, children’s toys, certain pistol crossbows, cots, candles containing lead in their wicks, candle wicks containing lead, baby walkers, and so on.	To control the importation of unsafe goods.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Fair Trading Act 1986
Children’s crayons, finger paints and water paints	To prevent the importation of these goods containing toxic substances	Environmental Protection Authority	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
Cigarette lighters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All disposable lighters. Refillable cigarette lighters with a Customs value of less than \$3.50. 	To ensure that cigarette lighters comply with the child resistant requirements of the American Consumer Product Safety Standard for Cigarette Lighters.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Product Safety Standards (Cigarette Lighters) Regulations 1998
Cloned and hybrid human embryos.	To prohibit unacceptable human assisted reproductive procedures and research.	Ministry of Health	Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004
Cluster munitions	To enforce the provisions of the Convention on Cluster Munitions	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Cluster Munitions Prohibition Act 2009
Controlled drugs, such as, cocaine, cannabis, and so on.	To protect the public health and the public interest by controlling the importation, exportation, manufacture, sale, distribution, use, and possession of certain dangerous drugs.	Ministry of Health	Misuse of Drugs Act 1975
Dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, supermarket display cases, heat pumps, and water coolers that contain any CFCs.	To protect the Earth’s ozone layer.	Environmental Protection Authority	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996

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Diamonds from Cote d'Ivoire	United Nations sanctions	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	United Nations sanctions (Cote d'Ivoire) Regulations 2005
<p>Dogs and their semen and embryos.</p> <p>The Dog Control Act 1996 prohibits the importation of the following breeds and types of dogs and their semen and embryos:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Pit Bull Terrier. Dogo Argentino. Japanese Tosa. Brazilian Fila. Perro de Presa Canario <p>To import a dog or the semen or embryos of a dog into New Zealand, the importer or their agent will need to provide the New Zealand Customs Service with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A declaration which is to be made in New Zealand, stating that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, the dog, embryo, or semen is not one of the above breeds; and A certificate from a registered veterinarian in the country of export stating that after due enquiry and/or physical examination of the dog, he/she has no reason to doubt the owners/importers advice that the dog, embryo, or semen is not one of the above breeds or types of dogs. 	Community protection.	Department of Internal Affairs	Dog Control Act 1996
Dog tracking devices	To prevent the importation of dog-tracking devices that operate on frequencies which interfere with radio equipment used by rural and forestry industries	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Radiocommunications Regulations (Prohibited Equipment – Dog Tracking Devices) Notice 2013
Dry cleaning machines that contain or are designed to use any controlled (ozone-depleting) substances.	To protect the Earth's ozone layer.	Environmental Protection Authority	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996
Endangered, threatened, and exploited species.	Protection of endangered species.	Department of Conservation	Trade in Endangered Species Act 1989
<p>Fire extinguishers containing or designed to use halons (Note: This includes a permanently installed drench system in a ship, aircraft, or motor vehicle).</p> <p>Approval is not required for extinguishers containing carbon dioxide, water, or dry chemicals.</p>	To protect the Earth's ozone layer.	Environmental Protection Authority	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996
Firearms, parts of firearms and restricted weapons (e.g., mace, pepper sprays, stun guns, mines, grenades) and restricted airguns.	To control the importation of firearms, parts of firearms and restricted weapons and restricted airguns.	New Zealand Police	Arms Act 1983

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Food.	To protect the health of the public by controlling the importation, manufacture and sale of articles and substances which might have an injurious effect.	Ministry for Primary Industries	Food Act 1981
Food — every article whose sale in New Zealand would be an offence against the Food Act 1981.	To prevent the importation of food that may not be sold in New Zealand.	Ministry for Primary Industries	Section 54 First Schedule Customs and Excise Act 1996
Goods bearing a label etc which contains a false or misleading representation, such as to their country of origin, quality, and so on.	Consumer protection.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Fair Trading Act 1986
Goods that are designed, manufactured, or adapted with intent to facilitate the commission of a crime involving dishonesty (as defined in section 2(1) of the Crimes Act 1961).	Consumer protection	New Zealand Customs Service	Section 54 First Schedule Customs and Excise Act 1996
Goods that, having regard to all relevant circumstances, it would be reasonable to believe: (a) are part of, or involved in, an attempt, to which section 72 of the Crimes Act 1961 applies, to commit a crime involving dishonesty (as defined in section 2(1) of that Act); or (b) relate to a conspiracy, to which section 310 of the Crimes Act 1961 applies, to commit a crime involving dishonesty (as defined in section 2(1) of that Act).	Consumer protection. To control the importation of goods that in themselves are not prohibited items, however would be so if imported to enable an offence to be committed.	New Zealand Customs Service	Section 54 First Schedule Customs and Excise Act 1996
Hazardous substances including explosives, and certain toxic substances (Refer Fact Sheet 24—Controls on the Importation of Hazardous Substances).	To control the importation of hazardous substances.	Environmental Protection Authority	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
Hazardous wastes.	To control the importation of hazardous wastes that are covered by the Basel Convention.	Environmental Protection Authority	Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Prohibition Order (No. 2) 2004
High powered magnets	To control the importation of small high powered magnets for the purposes of personal, domestic, or household use or consumption	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Unsafe Goods (Small High Powered Magnets) Notice 2013 / Fair Trading Act 1986
Infringing trade marks.	To protect the rights of the owners of trade marks.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Trade Marks Act 2002 (Border Protection Measures)
Iran — import of: (a) Arms and related materials of all types including weapons and ammunition and spare parts for these goods (b) Nuclear weapon, missile, or enrichment-related goods. (c) Entities (persons and companies) exporting goods (other than personal effects and gifts) must be registered with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.	United Nations sanctions	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	United Nations Sanctions (Iran) Regulations 2010

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<p>Iraqi cultural property, ie, items of archaeological, historical, cultural, rare scientific and religious importance illegally removed from the Iraq National Museum and the other locations in Iraq.</p>	<p>United Nations sanctions.</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<p>United Nations (Iraq) Reconstruction Regulations 2003</p>
<p>Knives having a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife — sometimes known as ‘flick knife’ or ‘flick gun’.</p> <p>Any knife having a blade that is released from the handle or sheath by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force, and that when released is locked in place by means of a button, spring, lever, or other device — sometimes known as a ‘gravity knife’ or ‘butterfly knife’.</p> <p>With the exception of any folding pocket knives with a blade less than 10cm in length, any knife that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is designed for ease of concealment on the person; or • has a double-edged blade that is designed or suitable for stabbing or throwing (as opposed to cutting); or • is a knife of the kinds known as ‘urban skinner’, ‘terminator’, ‘black eagle’, ‘black dagger’, or ‘throwing knife’. <p>Bayonets.</p>	<p>To restrict the importation of offensive weapons.</p>	<p>New Zealand Police</p>	<p>Customs Import Prohibition Order 2014; Customs and Excise Act 1996</p>
<p>Knuckle dusters, knives incorporating knuckle dusters, sword sticks, and any weapon disguised to give the appearance of another article.</p>	<p>To restrict the importation of offensive weapons.</p>	<p>New Zealand Police</p>	<p>Customs Import Prohibition Order 2014; Customs and Excise Act 1996</p>
<p>Korea — Democratic People’s Republic of (North Korea). Arms, military equipment and related materials, spare parts for these goods and weapons of mass destruction ballistic-related goods.</p>	<p>United Nations sanctions.</p>	<p>Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade</p>	<p>United Nations Sanctions (Democratic People’s Republic of Korea) Regulations 2006</p>
<p>Laser pointers – high power laser pointers, defined as those devices that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in the Director-General of the Ministry of Health’s opinion are of the kind commonly known as a laser pointer; and • are battery operated; and • are designed or intended to be operated while held in the hand; and • produce a coherent beam of optical radiation of low divergence; and • have a power output of greater than 1 milliwatt (mW). 	<p>To restrict the importation of high-power laser pointers to help manage the health and safety risks to the public.</p>	<p>Ministry of Health</p>	<p>Customs Import Prohibition (High power laser pointers) Order 2013; Customs and Excise Act 1996</p>

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Libya — arms and related materials of all types including weapons, ammunition, military vehicles, and equipment or paramilitary equipment, including spare parts for any such goods.	United Nations sanctions	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	United Nations Sanctions (Libya) Regulations 2011
Marine mammals eg, seals, whales, dolphins and porpoises and parts of marine mammals.	Conservation.	Department of Conservation	Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978
Money — false and counterfeit.	To prevent the importation of counterfeit money not being legal tender in New Zealand.	New Zealand Customs Service	Section 54 First Schedule Customs and Excise Act 1996
Motor vehicles with an odometer reading that does not correctly record the distance the vehicle has been driven; motor vehicles imported without an odometer.	Consumer protection.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Customs Import Prohibition Order 2014; Customs and Excise Act 1996
Multipurpose ladders “Multipurpose ladder” means any portable ladder having one or more pairs of articulation joints which allow the ladder to be rearranged to function as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a single ladder, with or without a stand-off a single or double-sided step ladder scaffold or work platform 	To ensure that all multipurpose ladders fully comply with all applicable clauses of AS/NZS 1892.1:1996 Portable ladders	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Unsafe Goods (Multipurpose ladders) Notice 2012 / Fair Trading Act 1986
PCBs	To control the importation of toxic substances.	Environmental Protection Authority	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
Persistent organic pollutants (POPs) covered by the Stockholm Convention, eg, aldrin, DDT, dieldrin, endrin, PCBs	To enforce the provisions of the Stockholm Convention.	Environmental Protection Authority	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996
Pirated copyright goods.	To protect the rights of the owners of copyrights.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Copyright Act 1994 (Border Protection Measures)
Plastic foams manufactured using any CFCs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extruded polystyrene foam. Thermoformed plastic packaging (including, without limiting the generality of that term, supermarket meat and produce trays, egg cartons, fast food containers, disposable plates, disposable cups, horticultural packaging trays, and packaging netting). 	To protect the Earth’s ozone layer.	Environmental Protection Authority	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996
Prescription medicines.	To control the importation of prescription medicines.	Ministry of Health	Medicines Act 1981
Prison goods — goods manufactured or produced using prison labour.	To prevent the importation of goods manufactured by prison labour.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	Section 54 First Schedule Customs and Excise Act 1996

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Psychoactive substances	To control the importation of psychoactive substances	Ministry of Health	Psychoactive Substances Act 2013
Radioactive substances.	To control the importation of radioactive substances.	Ministry of Health/Office of Radiation Safety	Radiation Protection Act 1965
Radio jamming equipment	To control the importation of radio jamming equipment	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Radiocommunications Regulations (Prohibited Equipment – Radio Jammer Equipment) Notice 2011
Refrigerators, freezers, and other goods that contain ozone depleting substances when imported from countries that are not members of the Montreal Protocol.	To protect the Earth's ozone layer.	Environmental Protection Authority	Ozone Layer Protection Act 1996
Rough diamonds.	United Nations Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade	United Nations Sanctions (Kimberley Process) Regulations 2004
Rubber and plastic hot water bottles.	Ensure that rubber and plastic hot water bottles comply with the British Standard BS 1970:2001 or BS 1970:2006 or BS 1970:2012.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Unsafe Goods (Hot Water Bottles) Permanent Prohibition Notice 2016/ Fair Trading Act 1986
Southern bluefin tuna	Conservation	Ministry for Primary Industries	Customs Import Prohibition (Southern Bluefin Tuna) Order 2013
Trout and Trout products	Conservation.	Department of Conservation	Customs Import Prohibition (Trout) Order 2010; Customs and Excise Act 1996
Tyres.	Enforcement of safety standards for tyres.	Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment	Import Control (Tyres) Conditional Prohibition Order 1996

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