

Prohibited or Restricted Imports

In its role as a border control agency the New Zealand Customs Service enforces or assists in the enforcement of a wide range of import prohibitions and restrictions on behalf of the government departments that have the policy responsibility for establishing the controls. The prohibitions or restrictions are imposed under section 54 of the Customs and Excise Act 1996 or specific legislation administered by policy Government departments. Examples of this legislation are:

Anti Personnel Mines (Prohibition) Act	Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act
Arms Act	Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act
Biosecurity Act	Misuse of Drugs Act
Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act	Ozone Layer Protection Act
Copyright Act	Radiation Protection Act
Fair Trading Act	Trade In Endangered Species Act
Films, Videos & Publications Act	United Nations Act
Food Act	

The import prohibitions and restrictions have been introduced to maintain and protect the health and welfare of people, animals or plants in New Zealand. They cover a wide range of goods and it is not possible to list all of the goods involved in this document. The following list may be taken as indicative and should be read in conjunction with the documents set out below, which are available from the New Zealand Customs Service website: www.customs.govt.nz.

- Fact Sheet Number 5—Import Prohibitions and Restrictions
- Fact Sheet Number 9—Permits to Import—Alerts
- The Import Permit List which sets out the tariff items which have alerts against them on the Service's computer system for prohibited and restricted imports.

Further information on goods that are covered by import prohibitions and restrictions may be obtained from your nearest Customs office.

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Aerosol sprays which contain controlled (ozone depleting) substances	Butterfly knives
Aircraft	Candle wicks containing lead
Albumins	Candles containing lead in their wicks
Amphibian creatures	Cannabis utensils
Animals—and parts thereof	Caps, toy pistol (amorces)
—articles which have been used with animals	Carbon tetrachloride
—foods for animals	Carcasses
—fats	Carpets—handmade
Antibiotics	Casein
Anti personnel mines	Cassava, ground, unrefined
Antiques	Caviar
Asbestos, in its raw state	Cereals
Baby walkers	Cereal flours
Barley	Chaff
Bayonets	Cheese
Beef and beef products	Chemicals that may be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons
Bees and appliances which have been used therewith	Chemical weapons
Beeswax	Chewing tobacco
Birds, including parts and eggs thereof	Children's night clothes
Birdseed	Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
Bongs	Cigarette lighters
Books, objectionable	Clay
Bran	Cocoa beans
Breakfast cereals and mueslis	Coffee, not roasted
Brushes containing animal hair or bristle	Computer discs, objectionable
	Controlled drugs
	Copra cake

Coral	Insects
Cots	Invertebrates
Crayons	Iraq, cultural property
	Ivory
Dairy produce	Knives—designed for ease of concealment
Dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, supermarket display cases, heat pumps and water coolers that contain any CFC	—double-edged, designed or suitable for stabbing or throwing
Detonators	—flick
DDT	—gravity
Diamonds originating from Cote d'Ivoire	—incorporating knuckle-dusters
Diamonds—rough	Knuckle-dusters
Dogs, and their semen and embryos	
Dried fruit	Lactose
Drugs, narcotic	Leather
Dry cleaning machines that contain or are designed to use controlled (ozone depleting) substances	Linseed
Eiderdowns	Mace
Eggs	Magazines, objectionable
Electronic waste	Maize
Endangered, exploited or threatened species, flora and fauna	Mammals and parts thereof
Enzymes	Manures, animal
Ephedrine	Margarine
Explosives	Meal; bone, coconut, linseed, manioc, meat, oat, rice, rye, soya bean
	Meat and meat products
Feathers	Methamphetamine utensils
Fertilisers	Methyl bromide
Films, objectionable	Methyl chloroform
Firearms	Mines
Fire extinguishers containing or designed to use halons	Molasses
Fireworks	Molluscs
Fish	Money, false or counterfeit
Flick knives	Motor vehicles—used
Flour; bone, manioc	Mustard
Fodder	
Foods for animals and poultry	Narcotics
Fruit	Nitrous oxide
Fruit juices	Numdah rugs
Fungi	Nuts
Fungicides	
Furskins	Oats, oat bran, pollard and meal
Furniture made of cane, bamboo etc	Offensive weapons
Fuses, blasting, etc	Organisms causing disease
Gelatin	Packaging materials; chaff, clay, earth, hay, sand, soil, straw
Goods—imported in breach of the Fair Trading Act	Pasta
—indecent or obscene	Parts of firearms
—made by prison labour	Peanut butter
Grain	Peat and articles thereof
Grenades	Pedal bicycles
	Pepper sprays
Hair—animals	Pesticides
Halons	Piperazines e.g., BZP
Hash pipe	Pirated copyright goods
Hay	Pistol crossbows
Hazardous wastes	Plant products for stock foods
HBCFs	Plants
HCFCs	Plastic foam containing controlled (ozone depleting) substances
Head pipe	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)
Helicopters	Potpourri
Herbs and spices	Prepared foods
Hemp seed	Prescription medicines
Herbicides	Psuedoephedrine
Hides	
Hookah pipes (also know as arguileh, hubble bubble, shisha, sheesha, Turkish or water pipes)	Quilts
Honey	
Hoofs and horns	Radio-active material
Hot water bottles, rubber and plastic	Refuse from ships and aircraft
Human blood	Reptiles, including parts and eggs thereof
	Rice, unpolished; rice meal, meal refuse and by-products
Infringing trademarked goods	Rifles
Insecticides	

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Roach clips
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Saddlery—used
Salmon
Sand
Sausage casings
Seats of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials
Seaweed (Hizikia)
Seeds of all kinds
Sharps
Ships and other vessels
Shotguns
Skins
Soil
Sound recordings, objectionable
Soya beans, meal and cake
Steroids
Stock and parts thereof
Straw
Stun guns
Sword sticks

Tableware and kitchenware, of wood

Tapioca, ground, unrefined
Throwing knives
Timber—See Trees
Tobacco
Toothfish
Trees, tree seeds, timber or timber products which may
introduce any injurious insect, fungus or other organisms
Trout and trout products
Tyres

Used machinery batteries, motor vehicles, hand tools, knives,
camping goods and animal products

Vegetables
Vegetable textile fibres
Veterinary biological products/medicaments
Video tapes, objectionable

Waste, from ships or aircraft
Weapons disguised to give the appearance of other articles
Whales and whale products
Wheat
Wool

