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PURSUANT to sections 421(1) of the Customs and Excise Act 2018

I, Christine Stevenson, Chief Executive of the New Zealand Customs Service, make the following rules:

Customs (Arriving Passenger and Crew Declarations) Rules 2018 (as amended)

Signed at Wellington

This 24th day of August 2018

Christine Stevenson

Chief Executive, New Zealand Customs Service

Customs (Arriving Passenger and Crew Declarations) Rules 2018

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Part 1

Rules

Section 1 Title, application, and commencement

1.1 Title

These Rules are the Customs (Arriving Passenger and Crew Declarations) Rules 2018.

1.2 Application and purpose

These Rules apply to persons arriving in New Zealand and are made for the purposes of prescribing the form and declaration required to enable household and personal effects to be deemed entered under Regulation 26(1)(b)(i) of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996.

1.3 Commencement

These Rules come into force on 1 October 2018.

1.4 Interpretation

1.4(1) In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

Act means the Customs and Excise Act 2018

Domiciled in New Zealand, in relation to a person who is a member of an aircraft or ship's crew, means ordinarily resident in New Zealand

Form means a form prescribed by the Chief Executive and set out in these Rules

Passenger includes employees of carriers travelling for the purposes of working as aircrew on a subsequent flight

Regulations means the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996

1.4(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, a term that is used in these Rules and defined in the Act or Regulations but not defined in these rules has the meaning given in the Act or Regulations.

Section 2 Information and declaration required

2.1 Persons arriving in New Zealand

2.1(1) All persons arriving in New Zealand and reporting to a Customs officer under section 28 of the Act must complete any form and make any declaration in accordance with these Rules.

2.1(2) Notwithstanding anything in these Rules, no form or declaration is required from passengers and crew in transit who are not required to obtain entry permission by virtue of section 103(1)(d)(iv) of the Immigration Act 2009.

2.2 Form and declaration – passengers

2.2(1) This clause applies to every passenger arriving by air or sea.

2.2(2) A person to whom this clause applies must complete and make a declaration in any of the forms prescribed in Schedule 2 to these Rules.

2.2(2A) Notwithstanding Rule 2.2(2), a declaration may only be made in an electronic message format prescribed for the purposes of Rule 2.2(2) if:

- (a) the person is eligible to use an Automated electronic system; and
- (b) the person is 18 years of age or older; and
- (c) the Automated electronic system has the necessary modifications to allow the presentation of the prescribed electronic message format.

2.2(3) A person to whom this clause applies must also complete and make a declaration in Form 3A if a Customs officer requires the form to be completed.

2.3 Form and declaration – aircrew (New Zealand domiciled)

2.3(1) This clause applies to a person serving as a crewmember on an arriving aircraft who:

- (a) is working as aircrew on the aircraft; and
- (b) is domiciled in New Zealand.

2.3(2) A person to whom this clause applies must complete and make a declaration in Form 4 as set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules.

2.3(3) A person to whom this clause applies must also complete and make declaration in Form 4A where:

- (a) they have answered yes to any query in the Customs section of Form 4; or
- (b) a Customs officer requires the form to be completed.

2.4 Form and declaration – aircrew (Non-New Zealand domiciled)

2.4(1) This clause applies to a person serving as a crewmember on an arriving aircraft if that person is not domiciled in New Zealand.

2.4(2) A person to whom this clause applies must complete and make a declaration in Form 5 as set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules.

2.4(3) A person to whom this clause applies must also complete and make a declaration in Form 5A where:

- (a) they have answered yes to any query in the Customs section of Form 5; or
- (b) a Customs officer requires the form to be completed.

2.5 Form and declaration – ship’s crew (New Zealand domiciled)

2.5(1) This clause applies to a person serving as a crewmember on an arriving ship if that person is domiciled in New Zealand.

2.5(2) A persona to whom this clause applies must complete and make a declaration in Form 6 as set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules

2.6 Form and declaration – ship’s crew (Non-New Zealand domiciled)

2.6(1) This clause applies to a person serving as a crewmember on an arriving ship if that person is not domiciled in New Zealand.

2.6(2) A person to whom this clause applies must complete and make a declaration in Form 7 as set out in Schedule 1 to these Rules.

2.7 Notes

Where a prescribed form contains any explanatory or other notes such notes do not form part of the prescription but are intended for the guidance of the person in the completion of the form.

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New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card Electronic Message Format

Profile

Passport number

Nationality as shown on passport

Family name

Given or first names

Date of birth

Country of Birth

Occupation or job

Email

Mobile/phone number

My Trip

Will you be staying at a hotel or a residential address in New Zealand?

- If residential, it is a free text field
- If answer is hotel, there will be a drop down list with known hotels

Mode of transport (Sea or Air)

- If sea
 - Name of Ship
 - Overseas port where you boarded this ship
- If air
 - Overseas port where you boarded this aircraft
 - Flight number
 - Seat number

List the countries you have been in during the last 30 days

Do you know the contents of your bag (select Yes or No)

Restricted Goods

Are you bringing into New Zealand any of the following items:

- Prohibited or restricted goods: for example weapons, indecent publications, endangered plants or wildlife, illegal or controlled drugs? (select Yes or No)
- Medicine: over 3 month's supply, or medicine not prescribed to you (select Yes or no)
- Alcohol: more than 3 bottles of spirits (not exceeding 1.125 litres each) and 4.5 litres of wine or beer? (select Yes or No)
- Tobacco: more than 50 cigarettes or 50 grams of tobacco products (including a mixture of cigarettes and other tobacco products)? (Select Yes or No)
- Goods obtained overseas and/or purchased duty-free in New Zealand: with a total value of more than NZ\$700 (including gifts)? (select Yes or No)
- Goods carried for business or commercial use? (select Yes or No)
- Goods carried on behalf of another person? (select Yes or No)
- Cash: NZ\$10,000 or more (or foreign equivalent), including travellers cheques, bank drafts, money orders, etc.? (Select Yes or No)

Declaration

I declare that the information I have given is true, correct and complete and I understand that a false declaration can incur a \$400 instant fine (Select Cancel or Agree)

History of the Customs (Arriving Passenger and Crew Declarations) Rules 2018

These rules came into force on 1 October 2018.

This consolidation incorporates:

Amendment	Entry into force	Summary of changes
Customs (Arriving Passenger and Crew Declarations) Amendment Rules 2019	30 July 2019	Inserts new Form 3 and adds an electronic message format. Makes related changes to Principal Rules.