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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

NZTD means New Zealand Traveller Declaration

NZTD Form means a form that –

- (a) contains the NZTD Information; and
- (b) is provided in a form or medium approved by the chief executive in accordance with rule 3.1

NZTD Information means the information specified in Schedule 3

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 Form 3 (New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card), unless they complete an NZTD Form in accordance with rule 2.2(2A).
- 2.2(2A) A person to whom this clause applies must complete the NZTD Form if they are requested by Customs to complete the form for the purposes of a pilot.
- 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 person 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.

Section 3 Approval of form for supplying prescribed information

3.1 Chief executive may approve form and medium of NZTD Form

The chief executive may approve the form and medium through which a person may supply NZTD Information.

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General requirements:

- (a) All fields must be completed unless otherwise stated below.
- (b) A separate NZTD Form must be completed for each passenger, including children.

Personal and travel details

Provide the following information in relation to the passenger:

- If sea:
 - Name of ship
 - Overseas port where the passenger boarded this ship
- If air:
 - Flight number
 - Overseas port where the passenger boarded this aircraft
- Passport number
- Nationality as shown on passport
- Family name
- Given or first names
- Date of birth
- Country of birth
- Occupation or job
- Full contact or residential address in New Zealand
- Email
- Mobile/phone number

List of the countries that the passenger has been in during the past 30 days.

Baggage and goods details

Confirmation of whether the passenger knows the contents of their baggage.

Confirmation of whether the passenger is bringing any of the following goods into New Zealand:

- Medicine: over 3 months' supply, or medicine not prescribed to the passenger
- Restricted or prohibited goods: for example, weapons, indecent publications, endangered plants or wildlife, illegal or controlled drugs
- Alcohol: more than 3 bottles of spirits (not exceeding 1.125 litres each) and 4.5 litres of wine or beer
- Tobacco: more than 50 cigarettes or 50 grams of tobacco products (including a mixture of cigarettes and other tobacco products)
- Goods obtained overseas and/or purchased duty-free in New Zealand with a total value of more than NZ\$700 (including gifts)
- Goods carried for business or commercial use
- Goods carried on behalf of another person

- Cash: NZ\$10,000 or more (or foreign equivalent), including travellers cheques, bank drafts, money orders, etc.

Declaration

Declaration that the information that the passenger has given is true, correct, and complete.

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.
Customs (Arriving Passenger and Crew Declarations) Amendment Rules 2022	5 November 2022	Requires completion of New Zealand Traveller Declaration (NZTD) Form for arriving passengers for purposes of the Principal Rules. Removes Digital Arrival Card.
Customs (Arriving Passenger and Crew Declarations) Amendment Rules (No 2) 2022	16 December 2022	Makes completion of the NZTD Form a requirement under the Principal Rules, if requested for the purposes of a pilot. Also expands prescribed information contained in the NZTD Form.