



Application for a permission to import tobacco products

The importation of tobacco products is prohibited under section 95A of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 without a permit. **The importation of tobacco products through the international mail by a registered postal operator is prohibited.** This means all importers must have the goods shipped using sea freight, air freight (including an air courier company), but not using the international mail service operated by New Zealand Post.

The New Zealand Customs Service is collecting information on this form in order to process your application to import tobacco. Information on this form may be disclosed to other agencies where permitted by law.

Please read the reverse side before completing this form.

Either type in the fields provided or print this form and complete it using a pen and BLOCK LETTERS. Tick where applicable

Applicant details

Company name (or individual name where not a company e.g. if a private individual):

Postal address:

Physical address:

Contact person's name:

Aged 18 years or over

Position in company:

Email address:

Contact number:

Customs TSW client code/s (if no client code is held and the value of the goods is over \$1,000, an application should be made for a client code on form NZCS 224 located on the New Zealand Customs website)

NZ Business Number:

You must attach a copy of your photo ID (a current passport, New Zealand Drivers Licence, or other suitable photographic identification)

Type of Customs-controlled Area:

Duty free store

Export warehouse

Licensed manufacturing area

Address of Customs-controlled Area, if different from above:

Customs-controlled Area code:

Permit requirements

Indicate the tobacco product(s) you are seeking permission to import (tick all that apply)

Cigarettes

Rolling or pipe tobacco

Other – provide a description of the tobacco product(s):

Indicate the purpose of importing the tobacco product(s) (tick ONE option only)

Personal, e.g. gifted or donated. Plain packaging laws may apply

Commercial. Plain packaging laws may apply. Indicate reason(s) for commercial import: Sale Distribution / Supply Export

Indicate how the goods will be imported e.g. courier, sea freight:

Declaration and consent

By signing this form, I declare that I have read the information contained in Form NZCS 258.

The information supplied on this form is complete, truthful and correct in every detail.

- I am over 18 years of age.
- I am aware that giving false or misleading information is an offence under sections 366 and 368 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018.
- I acknowledge that conditions will be placed on the import of tobacco in line with the descriptions in the permit requirements section of this form, and that other conditions may apply.

Full name
(BLOCK LETTERS)

Signature:

Date:

Please forward this completed form and any additional documents to tobaccopermits@customs.govt.nz. Failure to provide the information requested on this form will result in your application being declined.

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date received:

Reference Number:

GUIDANCE FOR IMPORTERS

All imported tobacco products are subject to excise-equivalent duty and GST on importation. The importation of tobacco products without a permit issued to the importer by the New Zealand Customs Service is prohibited by section 95A of the Customs and Excise Act 2018. Any tobacco product which is not imported under the authority of a permit may be seized and destroyed. Other penalties may also apply including prosecution.

Customs will not issue a permit for tobacco products to be imported via the international mail service. This means an importer must have the goods shipped using sea freight, air freight (including an air courier company), but not the international mail service operated by New Zealand Post.

A permit to import is not transferable. Attempts to use a permit issued to a third party will result in the goods being seized and the permit being revoked.

The following tobacco products are subject to the permit regime: tobacco products includes cigarettes of all types, and pipe and hand-rolling tobacco and any other product not specifically excluded.

These tobacco products are not covered by the import prohibition, and do not require a permit: cigars, cigarillos, water-pipe tobacco (also commonly referred to as fruit, hookah, maassel, shisha, narguile, tobacco) chewing tobacco, snuff, snus.

If approved Customs will issue a permit valid for use as per the timeframes below:

- Private importer or commercial importer not holding a deferred payment account: a single use permit (ie. a single importation), **valid for 12 months** from the date of issue.
- A commercial importer holding a deferred payment account: a multiple use permit **valid for three years** from the date of issue.
- A Customs-controlled Area (CCA) licensee, being a duty free store, export warehouse, or licensed manufacturer: a multiple use permit **valid for so long as the CCA licence remains in force.**

The Privacy Act 1993 provides the right to request access to, and correction of, personal information. If you want to exercise these rights, please contact the New Zealand Customs Service on 0800 428 786 or email: privacy@customs.govt.nz or write to us at PO Box 2218, Wellington.