

## 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](http://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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2.4.5.T	Brushes containing animal hair or bristle
	Butterfly knives
Aerosol sprays which contain controlled (ozone depleting) substances	Candle wicks containing lead
Aircraft	Candles containing lead in their wicks
Albumins	Cannabis utensils
Amphibian creatures	Caps, toy pistol (amorces)
Animals —and parts thereof	Carbon tetrachloride
—articles which have been used with animals	Carcasses
—foods for animals	Carpets—handmade
—fats	Casein
Antibiotics	Cassava, ground, unrefined
Anti personnel mines	Caviar
Antiques	Cereals
Asbestos, in its raw state	Cereal flours
	Chaff
Baby walkers	Chainsaws
Barley	Cheese
Batteries—used	Chemicals that may be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons
Bayonets	Chemical weapons
Beef and beef products	Chewing tobacco
Bees and appliances which have been used therewith	Children's night clothes
Beeswax	Children's toys
Birds, including parts and eggs thereof	Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
Birdseed	Cigarette lighters
Bongs	Clay
Books, objectionable	Cloned and hybrid human embryos
Bran	Cluster munitions
Breakfast cereals and mueslis	

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Cocoa beans  
Coffee, not roasted  
Computer discs, objectionable  
Controlled drugs  
Copra cake  
Coral  
Cots  
Crayons

Dairy produce  
Dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners,  
supermarket display cases, heat pumps and water coolers  
that contain any CFC

Detonators  
DDT  
Diamonds originating from Cote d'Ivoire  
Diamonds—rough  
Dogs, and their semen and embryos  
Dried fruit  
Drugs, narcotic  
Dry cleaning machines that contain or are designed to use  
controlled (ozone depleting) substances

Eiderdowns  
Eggs  
Electronic waste  
Endangered, exploited or threatened species, flora and fauna  
Enzymes  
Ephedrine  
Explosives

Feathers  
Fertilisers  
Films, objectionable  
Firearms  
Fire extinguishers containing or designed to use halons  
Fireworks  
Fish  
Flick knives  
Flour; bone, manioc  
Fodder  
Foods for animals and poultry  
Fruit  
Fruit juices  
Fungi  
Fungicides  
Furskins  
Furniture made of cane, bamboo etc  
Fuses, blasting, etc

Gelatin  
Goods—imported in breach of the Fair Trading Act  
—indecent or obscene  
—made by prison labour

Grain  
Grenades

Hair—animals  
Halons  
Hash pipe  
Hay  
Hazardous wastes  
HBCFs  
HCFCs  
Head pipe  
Helicopters  
Herbs and spices  
Hemp seed  
Herbicides  
Hides  
Hookah pipes (also know as arguileh, hubble bubble, shisha,  
sheesha, Turkish or water pipes)  
Honey  
Hoofs and horns

Hot water bottles, rubber and plastic  
Human blood

Infringing trademarked goods  
Insecticides  
Insects  
Invertebrates  
Iraq, cultural property  
Iran, nuclear weapon, missile, or enrichment-related goods  
Ivory

Knives—designed for ease of concealment  
—double-edged, designed or suitable for stabbing or  
throwing  
—flick  
—gravity  
—incorporating knuckle-dusters  
Knuckle-dusters

Lactose  
Leather  
Linseed

Mace  
Magazines, objectionable  
Maize  
Mammals and parts thereof  
Manures, animal  
Margarine  
Meal; bone, coconut, linseed, manioc, meat, oat, rice, rye,  
soya bean  
Meat and meat products  
Methamphetamine utensils  
Methyl bromide  
Methyl chloroform  
Mines  
Molasses  
Molluscs  
Money, false or counterfeit  
Motor vehicles—used  
Motor vehicle batteries—used  
Mustard

Narcotics  
Nitrous oxide  
Numdah rugs  
Nuts

Oats, oat bran, pollard and meal  
Offensive weapons  
Organisms causing disease

Packaging materials; chaff, clay, earth, hay, sand, soil, straw  
Pasta  
Parts of firearms  
Peanut butter  
Peat and articles thereof  
Pedal bicycles  
Pepper sprays  
Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)  
Pesticides  
Piperazines e.g., BZP  
Pirated copyright goods  
Pistol crossbows  
Plant products for stock foods  
Plants  
Plastic foam containing controlled (ozone depleting) substances  
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)  
Potpourri  
Prepared foods  
Prescription medicines  
Psuedoephedrine

Quilts  
 Radio-active material  
 Refuse from ships and aircraft  
 Reptiles, including parts and eggs thereof  
 Rice, unpolished; rice meal, meal refuse and by-products  
 Rifles  
 Roach clips  
 Rye-corn and rye-meal  
  
 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, engines, 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  
 Waste oils  
 Weapons disguised to give the appearance of other articles  
 Whales and whale products  
 Wheat  
 Wool

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