

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 sections 95–97 of the Customs and Excise Act 2018 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

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

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	Hot water bottles, rubber and plastic
Coffee, not roasted	Human blood
Computer discs, objectionable	Infringing trademarked goods
Controlled drugs	Insecticides
Copra cake	Insects
Coral	Invertebrates
Cots	Iraq, cultural property
Crayons	Iran, nuclear weapon, missile, or enrichment-related goods
Dairy produce	Ivory
Dehumidifiers, refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, supermarket display cases, heat pumps and water coolers that contain any CFC	Knives—designed for ease of concealment
Detonators	—double-edged, designed or suitable for stabbing or throwing
DDT	—flick
Diamonds originating from Cote d'Ivoire	—gravity
Diamonds—rough	—incorporating knuckle-dusters
Dogs, and their semen and embryos	Knuckle-dusters
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
Feathers	Meat and meat products
Fertilisers	Methamphetamine utensils
Films, objectionable	Methyl bromide
Firearms	Methyl chloroform
Fire extinguishers containing or designed to use halons	Mines
Fireworks	Molasses
Fish	Molluscs
Flick knives	Money, false or counterfeit
Flour; bone, manioc	Motor vehicles—used
Fodder	Motor vehicle batteries—used
Foods for animals and poultry	Mustard
Fruit	Narcotics
Fruit juices	Nitrous oxide
Fungi	Numdah rugs
Fungicides	Nuts
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
Hair—animals	Pepper sprays
Halons	Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)
Hash pipe	Pesticides
Hay	Piperazines e.g., BZP
Hazardous wastes	Pirated copyright goods
HBCFs	Pistol crossbows
HCFCS	Plant products for stock foods
Head pipe	Plants
Helicopters	Plastic foam containing controlled (ozone depleting) substances
Herbs and spices	Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
Hemp seed	Potpourri
Herbicides	Prepared foods
Hides	Prescription medicines
Hookah pipes (also know as arguileh, hubble bubble, shisha, sheesha, Turkish or water pipes)	Psuedoephedrine
Honey	
Hoofs and horns	

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
 Ryecorn and ryemeal

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 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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