

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
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
 Ryecorn and ryemeal

 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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