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
Arms Act
Biosecurity Act
Chemical Weapons (Prohibition) Act
Copyright Act
Fair Trading Act
Films, Videos & Publications Act
Food Act
Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act
Imports and Exports (Restrictions) Act
Misuse of Drugs Act
Ozone Layer Protection Act
Radiation Protection Act
Trade In Endangered Species Act
United Nations 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.

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Aerosol sprays which contain controlled (ozone depleting) substances
Aircraft
Albumins
Amphibian creatures
Animals —and parts thereof
—articles which have been used with animals
—foods for animals
—fats
Antibiotics
Anti personnel mines
Antiques
Asbestos, in its raw state

Baby walkers
Barley
Batteries—used
Bayonets
Beef and beef products
Bees and appliances which have been used therewith
Beeswax
Birds, including parts and eggs thereof
Birdseed
Bongs
Books, objectionable
Bran
Breakfast cereals and mueslis
Brushes containing animal hair or bristle
Butterfly knives

Candle wicks containing lead
Candles containing lead in their wicks
Cannabis utensils
Caps, toy pistol (amorces)
Carbon tetrachloride
Carcasses
Carpets—handmade
Casein
Cassava, ground, unrefined
Caviar
Cereals
Cereal flours
Chaff
Chainsaws
Cheese
Chemicals that may be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons
Chemical weapons
Chewing tobacco
Children's night clothes
Children's toys
Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
Cigarette lighters
Clay
Cloned and hybrid human embryos
Cluster munitions
Cocoa beans
Coffee, not roasted
Computer discs, objectionable

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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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