

## 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](http://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	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
	Chainsaws
Baby walkers	Cheese
Barley	Chemicals that may be used in the manufacture of chemical weapons
Batteries—used	Chemical weapons
Bayonets	Chewing tobacco
Beef and beef products	Children's night clothes
Bees and appliances which have been used therewith	Children's toys
Beeswax	Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
Birds, including parts and eggs thereof	Cigarette lighters
Birdseed	Clay
Bongs	Cloned and hybrid human embryos
Books, objectionable	Cluster munitions
Bran	Cocoa beans
Breakfast cereals and mueslis	Coffee, not roasted
Brushes containing animal hair or bristle	Computer discs, objectionable
Butterfly knives	

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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

**Prohibited or Restricted Imports/3**

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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