

MOVING TO NEW ZEALAND

(WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW)

Restricted and prohibited items

Do not pack these goods as they may be seized unless accompanied by official certification

- Certain firearms (Shotguns with a barrel length of less than 508mm, firearms with an overall length of less than 762mm, firearms with folding or telescopic stocks, shotguns with exposed hammers, pistols, revolvers and military style semi-automatics, stun guns and mace gas)
- Bayonets, certain knives and swords
- Ingredients used in cooking, all milk products, cheese, eggs or egg products, and milk based baby foods.
- Any packets of food
- Honey, pollen, propolis, honeycombs and other bee products
- Plants, bulbs, cuttings, corms, rhizomes or tubers, commercially packed seeds and seeds for planting.
- Prohibited packaging such as straw or used fresh food cartons
- Items restricted under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) such as coral, ivory, snakeskin or whale bone items, turtle shell and some sea shells

Items that must be declared

The following may require inspection and in some cases certification from the country of origin:

- Fresh or dried fruit, vegetables, mushrooms or fungi
- Any meat, fish, shellfish or poultry (canned)
- Herbs and spices
- Traditional or herbal medicines or remedies, health supplements and homeopathic remedies that include animal or plant products
- Bamboo, cane, rattan, basket ware and mats
- Dried flower arrangements or Christmas decorations made from plant material
- All wooden items, drums, carvings, spears and masks, items stuffed with seeds or straw, made of bamboo, cane, coconut or straw, or hair, fur, unprocessed wool, skin, feathers and bone
- All outdoor, camping, sports equipment, hiking boots and other sporting footwear that could be contaminated with soil, seeds or water
- Hunting trophies or stuffed animals
- Wool (unprocessed) and animal hair
- Grooming and veterinary equipment, bee-keeping equipment, saddles, bridles, bird cages and pet beds
- Gardening equipment and outdoor furniture

There may be other items that you have to declare, contact us if you are unsure about something. If an item requires treatment you will have to pay for this service. Any goods that cannot be imported will be destroyed or reshipped.

Medication

Please note that the inclusion of medicines (prescribed or over the counter) will result in a Customs Inspection resulting in delays and additional charges.

A prescription or Doctor's note is required for all prescribed medicines (this includes the previously over the counter cough, cold and flu formulas).

Our recommendation is that you do not ship medicines in unaccompanied freight.

Useful links

Importing to New Zealand <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/regs/imports>

New Zealand Customs Service <http://www.customs.govt.nz>

Immigration New Zealand <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>

New Zealand Transport Agency <http://www.nzta.govt.nz/>

Search for Import Health Standards <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/ihs/search>