



CUSTOMS PROCEDURE FOR MOVING HOUSEHOLD GOODS INTO NEW ZEALAND

Generally owned and used household goods and personal effects (clothing, jewellery, etc.) being personal property are admitted duty / GST free provided client:
Is coming to New Zealand intending to take up permanent residence (and has been granted residency status) or is on a Work Permit for at least 12 months. Is a returning New Zealand resident having lived outside of New Zealand at least 21 months (or provide documentary proof that the consignment was shipped from New Zealand).

Documents Required:-

- Original Passport
- Residence Visa
- Inventory, stating contents of cartons in detail (all items marked "PBO" - packed by owner and "misc."-miscellaneous are subject to inspection)
- Customs Declaration Form (customer must be in country to complete prior to shipment arrival)
- Employment Pass

Vehicle/Car:-

Owner must attend customs clearance interview. Including motorcycles and motor scooters
- Any person taking up permanent residence for the first time can import one vehicle exempt from needing an import license duty and GST free provided the vehicle has been owned for one year prior to departure to New Zealand, will not be sold for two years and is for the Customer's own personal use and not for sale, gift or disposal in any other way
- New Zealand citizens will be required to pay Customs duty and tax on all vehicles imported (GST - Goods & Services Tax)
- Customer and spouse may each import one vehicle as long as each holds a valid drivers license and can provide evidence of personal ownership and use of the vehicle
Vehicles must comply with New Zealand ministry of transport vehicle Standard regulations
Restrictions apply to importation of left-hand drive vehicles. Before shipping you must obtain written approval to import from the Ministry of Transport.
Loading vehicle in container with household goods not advisable (any problems with release by Customs or Quarantine will delay delivery of both household goods and auto)
All vehicles must be steam cleaned and spotless before shipping (certificate required on arrival)

Documents required:

Provide make, model, year, and current value
Passport
Certificate of steam cleaning
Valid Driver's License
Original Bill of Sale (showing purchase price and date)
Insurance and Registration Certificate (to prove the length of ownership)
Log Book, service book or repair accounts (showing further proof of the length of ownership).

Restricted Items

New items, Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. If as part of normal household contents or part of a collector's cellar will normally be imported on a duty and tax free basis, providing client is first time immigrant or a returning New Zealand resident after 21 months overseas. Radio transmitting equipment may not comply with New Zealand radio frequency service. Firearms and ammunition strictly controlled and a Police Permit is required

Must be packed separately, individually listed on the inventory, and stowed at the front of the container for easy access

Owner must contact the New Zealand Police Department upon arrival to obtain permits as New Zealand Customs will not give clearance of the total shipment until documentation is received from the police

Small firearms/pistols are not permitted unless client will register with a gun club. Semi-automatic military type firearms are not allowed.

Arms Permit/Registration Certificate detailing make, model, and serial numbers are required

Agricultural regulations apply to the following items:

Food of any kind

Biological specimens

Plants or animals (alive or dead) or their products

Equipment used with animals

The following items must be thoroughly cleaned prior to importation:

Garden tools/implements, tents, vacuum cleaners, basketware, bicycles, outdoor sports equipment, feather, fur or skin products, etc. Bamboo, cane or rattan, regardless of origin will be inspected and only if infested, will be fumigated

Wood used for crating must be free of bark, insect and fungal attack. Timber Certificate must be sent with documents.

All items of agricultural, animal or food origin, or use must be clearly identified and loaded for easy access for inspection. Please note: Agricultural Inspection may take up to two days, with fumigation another seven days.

If full container, quarantine inspection will take place at residence

Prohibited Items

Canned or dried meat, spices, honey, dairy and egg products or bee keeping equipment, Flick knives, swordsticks and knuckledusters, Drugs (medicine must be accompanied by a doctor's prescription and be carried in the original container), Pornographic material (subject to seizure).

Live Animals and Plants

Prohibition and restrictions on the import of domestic pets such as dogs and cats apply and are strictly enforced. Details and requirements must be obtained from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries



Unaccompanied Personal Baggage Declaration



Please read the Advice to Declarant information prior to completing this declaration

THIS FORM IS TO BE COMPLETED BY TRAVELLERS FOR PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS ONLY.

It is **NOT** to be used:

- A) by persons who have not travelled overseas (except for shipments being cleared on behalf of persons who have travelled overseas or who are still overseas)
- B) for goods purchased from within New Zealand, e.g. via the Internet, telephone, e-mail etc
- C) for goods sent to persons in New Zealand by persons overseas (except for A above)

If you are not sure if this form is appropriate for your circumstances, **ASK A CUSTOMS OFFICER OR MAF INSPECTOR BEFORE FILLING IT OUT.**

ADVICE TO DECLARANT

- This declaration may be completed by the importer/owner or their agent/nominee. A **letter of authorisation and copy of his or her passport (including immigration visa/permit if applicable)** from the importer/owner is required if a nominated person is completing the declaration, plus photo ID (passport or NZ drivers licence) for the nominated person.
- **If you are completing this declaration on behalf of the owner of the consignment, you must specify the owner as the importer/owner.**
- This declaration must be completed in English. All errors and alterations must be initialled.
- Pages 1 to 5 must be fully completed. All six pages must be presented to MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (MAF) and then to the Customs Service.
- If there are more than four family members covered by this declaration please also complete Supplementary Form NZCS 218A / NQS QD1A with the details of each additional person.
- You must **answer all questions.**
- Your consignment may be examined. **Please ensure that keys/combination codes are available at the time of clearance otherwise there may be delays in clearance.**
- The following **documents are required** for presentation to MAF and the Customs Service:
 - Passports of all those listed on this declaration (i.e. passports of **all** owners/importers of the goods imported)
 - Complete list of baggage contents
 - Airway Bill, Bill of Lading, or Arrival Notice
 - Receipts for goods listed in Specific Goods section on page 4, if you are able
 - Letter of authorisation from the owner/importer if goods are being cleared on their behalf
 - Any treatment and/or cleaning certificates in respect of the goods you may have
 - Any relevant approvals for goods listed in Prohibited or Restricted Goods section on page 4

Note: There may be other supporting documents deemed necessary by the Customs Service or MAF when clearing the consignment. If there are more than one person's goods in the consignment a separate form must be completed unless the goods are those of family members (e.g. spouse, partner, children, parent).

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List of Goods in Consignment (if no separate packing list/inventory):

PERSONAL DETAILS OF IMPORTER OF THE GOODS

Family Name:	Given or First Names:	Date of Birth:
Nationality:	Passport Number:	Occupation:
Residential Address or Intended Address in NZ:	Countries Visited up to two months prior to arrival in NZ and prior to baggage being packed:	Countries Resided in up to two months prior to arrival in NZ and prior to baggage being packed:
Contact Phone No.:	Name of NZ Agent and MAF A/C No., if applicable:	

CONSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Flight/Ship:	Voyage No.:	Airway Bill/Bill of Lading No.:	Date of Arrival of Goods:
Port of Arrival:	Gross Weight:	No. & Type of Packages:	Container No.:

OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS COVERED BY THIS DECLARATION

Family Name:	Given or First Names:	Date of Birth:
Nationality:	Passport Number:	Occupation:
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There are additional family members listed on the supplementary family members page (form NZCS 218A / NQS QD1A)
(number)

DETAILS OF HOUSEHOLD OR OTHER EFFECTS

The which make up this consignment contain bona fide
(number and type of packages)

unaccompanied personal and/or household effects that have an **insured / assessed** value of \$
(please delete one) (NZ dollar value)

Yes No Are you fully aware of the contents of the whole consignment?

Yes No Do you have a list of the contents/packing list?

Pages If so, what is the total number of pages of the list of contents/packing list?

Yes No Do you have any treatment/cleaning/Government certificates for any items?

If so, please specify:

IMPORTER/OWNER'S ARRIVAL OR INTENDED ARRIVAL IN NEW ZEALAND

The importer/owner **arrived / intends to arrive** in New Zealand on from
(please delete one) (actual date or estimated date) (country of departure)

ARRIVAL STATUS

The importer's/owner's "arrival status" is: *Please tick as appropriate.*

Ref:	Person is arriving in New Zealand
A <input type="radio"/>	to take up permanent residence for the first time and has the legal authority to do so (i.e. Permanent residence granted)
B1 <input type="radio"/>	to resume permanent residence after an absence of more than 21 months
B2 <input type="radio"/>	to resume permanent residence after an absence of less than 21 months (e.g. returning from a brief holiday/trip overseas)
W1 <input type="radio"/>	to take up a work contract of more than 12 months and has the legal authority to do so
W2 <input type="radio"/>	to take up a work contract of less than 12 months and has the legal authority to do so
S1 <input type="radio"/>	to take up a course of study for more than 12 months and has the legal authority to do so
S2 <input type="radio"/>	to take up a course of study for less than 12 months and has the legal authority to do so
V1 <input type="radio"/>	as a New Zealand national visiting temporarily (e.g. on holiday in NZ, visiting friends/family)
V2 <input type="radio"/>	as a foreign national visiting temporarily (e.g. on holiday in NZ, visiting friends/family)

If the arrival status above is B1 or B2 above, please state the original departure date from New Zealand:

GOODS OF BIOSECURITY INTEREST

New Zealand operates very strict Biosecurity procedures at the border to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases of animals and plants that may adversely effect our economy, environment or human health. Consider all questions carefully and answer correctly. Failure to do so could result in unwanted pests and diseases being introduced which could significantly harm New Zealand and New Zealanders.

Attempting to possess, or possession of unauthorised goods, may constitute an offence pursuant to section 154 of the Biosecurity Act 1993. **Every person who commits an offence is liable, upon conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 5 years, a fine not exceeding NZ\$100,000, or both.**

If you are unsure about any items, please ask a MAF Inspector.

Unaccompanied personal effects must not be opened without MAF Biosecurity New Zealand authorisation.

This includes the container, crates, bags, boxes and any luggage. Failure to comply may constitute an offence pursuant to section 154 of the Biosecurity Act 1993.

It is the responsibility of the importer/owner or agent applying for the clearance of goods to arrange an inspection date and time with MAF Biosecurity New Zealand by visiting or telephoning the local MAF Biosecurity New Zealand office.

WHO PACKED THE PERSONAL EFFECTS?

Importer Removal Company Other *Please specify:*

DOES THIS BAGGAGE CONTAIN ANY?

Yes No • **Food of any kind (dried, fresh, frozen, preserved, cooked, uncooked)**

Please specify items and box number(s)

Yes No • **Animal products or Animals, including but *not* limited to:** Meat (fresh or dried), eggs, dairy products, honey, skins, fur, feathers, bone, wool, hair, hunting trophies, fish/shell fish (fresh dried, or frozen), Chinese traditional medicines, shells and coral, ivory

Please specify items and box number(s)

Yes No • **Plants or plant products, including but *not* limited to:** Fresh or dried fruit and cones, vegetables, plants/flowers live and dried, plant cuttings and bud wood, bulbs or roots, seeds, pine antique and/or handcrafted wooden ornaments/carvings, cane, bamboo, basket ware, straw, Chinese traditional medicines

Please specify items and box number(s)

Yes No • **Equipment used with animals and/or plants, including but *not* limited to:** Veterinary equipment/products, fishing gear, fish farming equipment, saddlery, work boots/clothing, pet bedding, gardening equipment/products and forestry equipment

Please specify items and box number(s)

Yes No • **Miscellaneous items such as: Used;** Vacuum cleaners, spiked, studded or sprigged footwear (e.g. golf shoes, soccer boots), hiking boots, soiled footwear, water sports equipment, bicycles, boats, Vehicles/car parts, camping equipment/tents, barbecues. **Any;** Christmas and/or Easter decorations, Pooja items

Please specify items and box number(s)

WHILE OUTSIDE NEW ZEALAND HAVE ANY OF THE GOODS IN YOUR CONSIGNMENT:

Yes No • Been in contact with any animals?

Yes No • Been used/stored in any rural areas including wilderness areas?

GOODS OF CUSTOMS INTEREST

DOES THE CONSIGNMENT CONTAIN PROHIBITED OR RESTRICTED GOODS?

- Yes No • **Articles manufactured from wildlife** including but not limited to: reptiles, snakes, elephants, rhinoceroses, hippopotamuses, members of the cat family, whales, dolphins, zebras, antelope, deer, birds, feathers, coral or shells
- Yes No • **Medicines of any kind**
- Yes No • **Controlled drugs** other than prescribed medicines including but not limited to: LSD, heroin, cocaine, cannabis, ecstasy, steroids, human growth hormone, or performance-enhancing drugs, precursor substances
- Yes No • **Objectionable/Indecent articles of any kind in any format** including but not limited to: child pornography, material depicting bestiality, or material which may promote, incite, or instruct in matters of crime or violence, or misuse of a drug
- Yes No • **Ornamental Pipes** including Sheesha Pipes, Hookah Pipes and other cannabis or methamphetamine utensils
- Yes No • **Weapons of any kind** including but not limited to: firearms or parts thereof, replica firearms, bayonets, daggers, sword sticks, spring-bladed knives, or knuckle dusters

If you have answered YES to any of the above questions please list the items below.

You may be required to provide supporting documents to import these goods e.g. permits, doctor's certificates etc.

DOES THE CONSIGNMENT CONTAIN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SPECIFIC ITEMS?

- Yes No • **Cigarettes, cigars, tobacco, or alcoholic liquor**
- Yes No • **Goods for commercial purposes** (including goods for sale, lease, hire, exchange, or use in your own business)
- Yes No • **New goods** – note that for importer/owner arrival status B2, W2, S2, V1, or V2 (see page 3) new goods are classified as any goods purchased outside New Zealand or from a duty free source – other than personal clothing
- Yes No • **Unused goods** – being goods that you (or your family) own but have never used or unused gifts to you
- Yes No • **Gifts intended for other persons**
- Yes No • **Goods belonging to any person not listed on this declaration**
- Yes No • **Motor vehicle(s), motorcycle(s), caravan(s), trailer(s), watercraft, or aircraft**
(Supporting documents must be presented, e.g. receipts, ownership papers etc.)
- Yes No • **Cash in any currency to the value of NZ\$10,000 or more**

If you have answered YES to any of the items listed above, or are in doubt whether any particular effects should be declared, please give details of these items below or attach a separate schedule.

Supporting documents may be required e.g. receipts

Date of Purchase	Price Paid (in \$NZ)	Description of Goods

PLEASE ASK A CUSTOMS OFFICER OR MAF INSPECTOR IF YOU ARE UNSURE
OR UNCLEAR ABOUT ANY ASPECT OF THIS FORM

DECLARATION BY THE IMPORTER/OWNER OF THE GOODS

I

(full name)

being the importer/owner of the goods, hereby declare that I have read and understood all the questions contained in this form, and that the information provided is true, correct and complete. I acknowledge that it is an offence under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to open or remove goods which do not have Biosecurity Clearance. I also understand the information will be used to prepare an import entry to obtain clearance of the goods from the Customs Service and MAF Biosecurity New Zealand. Failure to comply may constitute an offence under the Customs and Excise Act 1996 or the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Signature

Date

OR

DECLARATION BY OTHER THAN THE IMPORTER/OWNER OF THE GOODS

I

(full name)

of

(contact address and phone number)

hereby declare that I am clearing these goods on behalf of the owner, that I have read and understood all questions contained in this form, and that the information provided is to the best of my knowledge true, correct and complete. I acknowledge that it is an offence under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to open or remove goods which do not have Biosecurity Clearance. I also understand the information will be used to prepare an import entry to obtain clearance of the goods from the Customs Service and MAF Biosecurity New Zealand. Failure to comply may constitute an offence under the Customs and Excise Act 1996 or the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Signature

Date

Have you fully completed this form?

(Unaccompanied Personal Baggage Declaration)

Yes

No

Note: Any incompletd forms will not be processed by MAF Biosecurity New Zealand or the New Zealand Customs Service.

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Import Entry Number:

All goods are entered as per section 39 of the Customs and Excise Act 1996

INSPECTION REQUIRED / INSPECTION NOT REQUIRED *(Delete as Applicable)*

In accordance with section 151 of the Customs and Excise Act 1996

Activity Report Number:

Contact:

Phone:

Location of Goods:

Keys Required and Provided / Not Required *(Delete as Applicable)*

Other Information Required by Customs

Completed by:

Official Stamp