

A Guide to Importation of Personal & Household Effects into New Zealand

TO QUALIFY FOR DUTY GST (GOODS AND SERVICES TAX) FREE ENTRY

- Wearing apparel, toiletries, wedding gifts (with a value of less than NZ\$110) and other personal effects are admitted duty and GST free so long as they are intended for your own personal use or wear and are not intended for any other person or for gift, sale or exchange.
- Household goods imported by returning New Zealanders are admitted free of duty and GST provided they have resided outside New Zealand for more than 21 months and that the goods have been owned and used overseas by them.
- Household goods imported by migrants are admitted free of duty and GST where the migrant holds a permanent residency visa, a "work to residence" visa or a work permit (valid for at least 12 months) and is taking up residency in New Zealand for the first time. The goods must have been owned and used overseas by them.
- Goods sent to a person in New Zealand as a gift will be admitted entirely free of duty and GST provided the value does not exceed NZ\$110.
- Antiques must be over 100 years old and accompanied by a B.A.D.A certificate.
- Inherited goods should be accompanied by a death certificate and a copy of the will or a letter from the executor confirming the inheritance.

Unless the above criteria are satisfied duty and GST are payable.

CUSTOMS/QUARANTINE CLEARANCE

Our destination representative will supply a combined Customs/MAF Declaration form, which must be completed in New Zealand by the owner of the goods and presented with a full, descriptive inventory and passport (or certified copy).

If your goods are likely to precede your arrival in New Zealand you may nominate a friend or relative to act on your behalf. You will need to provide

- Letter of Authority nominating your friend or relative to clear your goods on your behalf
- Legible copy of photo/details page of passport (New Zealand/Australia) and your Visa (all other countries)
- Assessed value of consignment
- Date first left New Zealand to live overseas (returning New Zealanders)
- Date of arrival into New Zealand

The owner must arrive within 6 months of arrival of the consignment at the port in New Zealand. NZ Customs has the discretionary right to apply a monetary bond, refundable upon presentation of passport and receipt within 6 months of the arrival of the consignment.

QUARANTINE EXAMINATION

All packing lists are screened by the MAF/Quarantine Service to determine whether a consignment can be released immediately or whether an examination is required. If MAF wishes to inspect a consignment the following approximate fees will apply:

Baggage consignment	NZ\$ 75
Groupage Removal up to 142 cu ft	NZ\$ 150

Groupage Removal over 142 cu ft	NZ\$ 200
Full container Load	NZ\$ 320

The above fees incorporate both MAF charges and our representative's fee for handling, arranging and accounting for the inspection and are payable to our representative.

A MAF Permit Fee of NZ\$50 is payable on all consignments imported into New Zealand, irrespective of volume or weight and may not be prepaid.

FUMIGATION/STEAM CLEANING

If fumigation/steam cleaning of items (such as saddlery, cane ware, sports and garden equipment, tents, hiking or camping gear etc) is ordered as a result of a MAF inspection you will be responsible for costs incurred (one item approx NZ\$75, Full container approx NZ\$400).

RESTRICTED ARTICLES The following articles are permitted entry but may be subject to inspection by Quarantine and/or treatment:

- Food stuffs and dairy produce
- Herbs and spices
- Stuffed animals and reptiles
- Bamboo, cane, rattan, basket ware & mats
- Wool (unprocessed) and animal hair
- Dried flowers, bulbs etc
- Seeds, pine cones and pot pourri
- Saddles and riding equipment
- Artefacts (wooden carvings, shields, masks etc)
- Camping equipment
- Farm clothing, footwear & equipment
- Furs, skins and hunting trophies

PROHIBITED ARTICLES The following articles are prohibited by Customs or Quarantine:

- Many firearms
- Eggs and egg products
- Honey
- Meat and meat products
- Plants including pot plants and plant cuttings
- Straw (handicrafts or packaging)
- Clam shells and coral (except with CITES certificate)
- Ivory (except with CITES certificate)
- Turtle and tortoise shells (except with CITES certificate)
- Narcotic drugs
- Pornographic books and magazines

WOOD PACKAGING New Zealand has adopted the ISPM 15 standard relating to wood packaging. Any wood packaging used in personal effects consignments (crates, pallets etc) must be constructed of approved treated timber and must be stamped with the internationally recognised ISPM symbol verifying this. Any non-compliant timber may be destroyed, treated or re-exported to the country of origin at the owner's expense. Export cases supply by PODs Cargo Ltd are compliant, embossed GB FC0122 DB HT Forestry Commission.

This information is not definitive and is intended as a guide only. Destination regulations can change without notice and for specific guidance we strongly recommend that you obtain direct rulings from New Zealand Customs Service Tel 0800 428 786, Fax 09 359 6730, or from their website www.nzcustoms.govt.nz.