

3 Biosecurity Notes

New Zealand operates very strict biosecurity procedures at airports and ports to prevent the introduction of pests and diseases of animals and plants. You are required to declare to an inspector in Part 3 of the New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card (pursuant to s30(1)(a) of the **Biosecurity Act 1993**), all items in your possession that are listed below. If you are not sure about any items, ask a MAF Quarantine inspector. **Note: Heavy penalties exist for false declarations.**

Animal and Animal Products

- Live animals, pets, birds, fish, and insects.
- Meat and meat products (fresh or cooked).
- Dairy products including cheese, milk, milk powder, butter and ghee.
- Egg and egg products including egg powder, and instant meal products.
- Fish/shellfish (fresh, dried and frozen).
- Honey, pollen, honeycombs, and bees wax.
- Feathers, bones, tusks, furs, skins, hunting trophies, stuffed animals and reptiles.
- Unprocessed wool and animal hair, including yarns, rugs, and apparel.
- Coral, turtle and tortoise shells and ivory.
- Sea shells.
- Biologicals, cultures and organisms.

Plants and Plant Products

- Fruit and vegetables (fresh, dried, frozen or cooked).
- Nuts unprocessed and raw.
- Herbs and spices.
- Noodles and rice.
- Mushrooms and fungi (fresh or dried).
- Plants live and dried, including plant cuttings and budwood.
- Seeds, bulbs, corms, rhizomes and tubers.
- Straw and mats in any form.
- Cut flowers, dried flowers and leaves.
- Pine cones and pot pourri.
- Wood carvings and artefacts.
- Bamboo, cane, rattan and basketware.
- Soil and water.

Other Items

- Camping/hiking/hunting gear and boots, bicycles and spiked/cleated/studded sporting shoes.
- Animal food, remedies supplements, cultures and biologicals.
- Riding gear, including clothing, footwear and grooming equipment.
- Equipment and clothing used in association with animals.
- Fishing equipment, fishing bait and fly tying material, diving and water sport equipment.

Miscellaneous

- **You must declare if you have:**
 - been to a farm, abattoir or meat/dairy packing house.
 - visited a forest or been hiking/camping/hunting in rural areas or parkland.

You must list all countries you have been in, (including lived in), during the past 30 days.

WARNING: Failure to make a correct declaration may result in an instant fine of \$200 or prosecution resulting in a fine of up to \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to five years.

4 Customs Notes

Prohibited and Restricted Items

Prohibited and restricted goods include:

- Weapons such as firearms, flick knives, sword sticks; and protection sprays.
- Objectionable (indecent) articles such as video tapes, films, records, CD-ROMs, and publications.
- Illicit drugs and drug paraphernalia.
- Endangered species of Flora and Fauna, and products derived from these endangered species.

Personal Concessions

Your personal concession allows you to bring into New Zealand free of duty the following:

- Goods obtained overseas and/or purchased duty free in New Zealand with a total combined value of not more than NZ\$700 (don't count clothing, toiletries and jewellery intended for your own personal use and not for gift, sale, or exchange); **and, if you are 17 years of age or over,**
- Three bottles (or other containers) each containing

not more than 1125ml of spirits, liqueur, or other spirituous beverages; **and**

- 4.5 litres of wine or 4.5 litres of beer (this is the equivalent of six 750ml bottles); **and**
- 200 cigarettes or 250 grams of tobacco or 50 cigars or a mixture of all three not weighing more than 250 grams.

Full Customs charges are payable on goods which are not eligible for concession or are in excess of the allowance. If the duty and/or Goods and Services Tax payable is less than NZ\$50, no collection will be made. However, this does not apply to tobacco products or alcoholic beverages. If you exceed your concession in relation to tobacco products or alcoholic beverages duty and Goods and Services Tax is payable regardless of the amount.

17 years is the age limit prescribed in international tourism treaties to which this country is a contracting party. The Sale of Liquor Act 1989 and the Smoke-free Environments Act 1990 prohibits the **sale** of alcoholic beverages and tobacco

products to persons under the age of 18. This restriction also applies to New Zealand duty free outlets.

Cash Reporting

If you are carrying, on your person or in your baggage, cash in any currency to the value of NZ\$10,000 or more, you must report this to a Customs officer when you are completing passport formalities on arrival in New Zealand. If anyone you are responsible for, who is travelling with you, has cash to that value, you must tell the Customs officer about that too. Under the Financial Transactions Reporting Act 1996, it is an offence to fail to report as instructed here.

Biographical information and Part 4 of the New Zealand Passenger Arrival Card are required to be produced pursuant to Regulation 26 of the Customs and Excise Regulations 1996.

WARNING: The importation of prohibited goods, smuggling, and using false receipts brings the risk of fines, loss of goods, or even prison. Think, is it worth the risk?

5 Immigration Notes

Permit Application

Apply for the same type of permit as the visa in your passport. For example, apply for a student permit if you have a student visa, residence permit if you have a residence visa, visitor permit if you have a visitor visa (or you know you do not need to hold a visitor visa for your visit).

WARNING: Failure to make a correct declaration is an offence punishable by imprisonment and may result in removal from New Zealand.

IMPORTANT NOTE: You are required by law to leave New Zealand before your permit expires. If you do not do this, Immigration New Zealand has the power to make you leave.

Biographical information and Parts 5, 6, and 7 of the Passenger Arrival Card are required to be produced pursuant to the Immigration Act 1987.

For further information:

Auckland callers phone 914 4100, for others call free 0508-558 855 www.immigration.govt.nz

TEAR OFF THE CARD BEFORE HANDING IN

3 *See the Biosecurity Notes

Did you pack your own bags?

yes no

Are you bringing into New Zealand:

- **any food, including:** cooked, uncooked, fresh, preserved, packaged or dried? yes no
- **animals or animal products*, including:** meat, dairy products, fish, honey and bee products, eggs, feathers, shells, raw wool, skins, bones or insects? yes no
- **plants or plant products*, including:** fruit, vegetables, nuts, parts of plants, leaves, flowers, seeds, bulbs, fungi, bamboo, cane, wood or straw? yes no
- **other biosecurity risk items*, including:** animal medicines, biological cultures, soil, water, articles with soil attached, tents, outdoor sport or hiking footwear? yes no

In the past 30 days (while outside of New Zealand), have you:

- visited a **forest or been camping, hiking or hunting?** yes no
- visited a **farm, abattoir, meat packing house or aquaculture facility?** yes no
- had **contact with any animals? (except domestic cats and dogs)** yes no

List below all countries you have been in, in the past 30 days:

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4 See the Customs Notes

Are you bringing into New Zealand:

yes no

- goods that may be prohibited or restricted? yes no
- goods over the personal concession for alcohol and tobacco products? yes no
- goods over the NZ\$700 personal concession, or for business or commercial use, or carried on behalf of other persons? yes no
- NZ\$10,000 or more, or the equivalent in foreign currency? yes no

5 Do you hold a New Zealand passport or a New Zealand Returning Resident's Visa? Go to 8

Are you a New Zealand citizen using a foreign passport? Go to 8

Do you hold an Australian passport or an Australian Returning Resident's Visa? Go to 7

6 See the Immigration Notes All others apply for one of these:

- I apply for: visitor's permit residence permit work permit
- exemption from holding a permit student permit limited purpose permit

– You must leave New Zealand before expiry of your permit, or face removal –

Are you coming to New Zealand for medical treatment or consultation or to give birth? yes no

7 All others please answer this: Have you ever been sentenced to 12 months or more in prison; or been deported or removed from any country? yes no

8 I declare that the information I have given is true, correct and complete.

signature X

date

