



NEW ZEALAND IMPORT REGULATIONS

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

DOCUMENT REQUIRED

- Passport (Copy).
- Residence Visa (Copy).
- Proof of Residence.
- Inventory, stating contents of cartons in detail (including items marked "PBO" – packed by owner and "misc.")
- Customs/Quarantine Declaration (customer must be in New Zealand to complete declaration or have appointed nominee).
- If Australian immigrant – copy of employment contract/house purchase agreement/proof of transfer of funds.

CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

- Used household goods (including furniture and electrical appliances) and personal effects are duty-free provided:
 - The customer intends to be a permanent resident.
 - The customer has lived outside New Zealand for 21 months and has owned and used the goods prior to departure to New Zealand (even if only used once).
 - Goods are for their own personal use.
- If shipments are forwarded to New Zealand prior to Customer's arrival, Customs will require a SIGHT ENTRY. Customs may inspect the shipment and require a Customs duty deposit on the insured value, until customer can provide proof of legal residence to New Zealand, at which time the deposit will be refunded within 6 months of entry of goods.
- **Importation of household goods from deceased estates will be accepted free of duty provided a copy of the Death Certificate and Will are provided.**
- Shipments may require inspection by Quarantine, however, this requirement is only made known during the clearance procedure.
- Charges for this service and any resulting treatments will be for the Customer's account.

DUTIABLE/RESTRICTED ITEMS

- New items
- Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products. If as part of normal household contents or part of 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 (if in doubt please refer to us).
 - Must be packed separately, individually listed on the inventory, and stowed at the front of the container for easy access
 - Shipper 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, basket ware, 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.
- If full container, quarantine inspection will take place at residence unless delivery is to a rural area.

PROHIBITED ITEMS



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- 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 must be carried in the original container).
- Drug paraphernalia.



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MOTOR VEHICLES

SHIPPING DOCUMENTATION

The Shipping Bill of Lading/Way Bill must show make of vehicle and Chassis/VIN number.

CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS

- Clients must carry with them the following documents:
 - Purchase receipt showing total price paid and date of purchase.
 - Statement to Planet Move Management Limited showing ocean freight at cost (not full depot to depot service and insurance premium).
 - Proof of the date vehicle landed in for shipping and the odometer reading, ie condition report.
 - Proof of ownership or title to vehicle.
 - Vehicles from Australia - Registration documents
 - Vehicles from UK - Registration documents or Certificate of permanent export
 - Vehicles from USA/Canada - A Certificate of Title
- For a first time immigrant with Residence Visa/Permit, having owned and used the vehicle for at least one year prior to shipment – no tax will apply.
- For a returning New Zealander or if the vehicle is owned for less than one year, tax will be required, calculated as follows:
 - Purchase price, less depreciation, plus freight and insurance. GST @ 12.5% of the total.
 - **Vehicles are duty free with the exception of motor homes.**

DEPRECIATION SCALE

- For vehicles owned and used for that period, before handing in for shipment.
 - Less than 90 days 0%
 - 3 months less than 4 months 13%
 - 4 months less than 6 months 20%
 - 6 months less than 9 months 27.5%
 - 9 months less than 12 months 35%
 - 1 year less than 2 years 50%
 - 2 years less than 3 years 60%
 - 3 years less than 4 years 70%
 - 4 years or more 75%

QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS

Vehicles must be cleaned prior to export. "All parts of the vehicle must be free of contamination including the chasses, under carriage, wheels, tyres, suspension, drive shaft, exhaust, baggage compartment, spare wheel well, engine compartment, including radiator grill and air intake vents and interior of vehicle".

APPROXIMATE ADDITIONAL EXPENSES

- Statement of Compliance **NZ\$500.00**
- Quarantine inspection fee **NZ\$265.00**
- Steam cleaning and re-inspection, vacuum (if required) **NZ\$400.00**
- Compliance – Certificate/Warrant of Fitness **NZ\$500.00**
- Registration for 12 months **NZ\$350-\$450.00** (Depending of engine CC rating)



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STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE

- This document must be obtained from the manufacturers New Zealand agent for that make of vehicle.
- It is the task of that agent to obtain from the overseas manufacturer the specifications on the vehicle being imported and then given a written report confirming that the vehicle complies with New Zealand manufacturing standards. This process can take several weeks and needs to be started as soon as the owner arrives in New Zealand or prior.
- Exceptions – Australian registered; and vehicles manufactured and first registered before 1991.