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THE FUNDAMENTALS

Household Effects

Duty free entry is granted providing you are taking up residency in New Zealand for the first time or you are a returning New Zealander who has been away from the country for over 21 months.

All household and personal effects entering New Zealand are subject to physical examination by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF). All items which appear dirty or may have come into contact with soil and vegetation such as gardening equipment; bicycles; patio furniture; golf clubs; vacuum cleaner bags etc will be inspected. All such items should be thoroughly cleaned prior to move day although extra cleaning costs may still be incurred upon inspection. Inspections in main city areas will be held at the residence upon offloading. Residences in more rural areas will require that the inspection is carried out at the bonded warehouse which will incur additional fees.

Required documentation from client:

- **→** ORIGINAL PASSPORT
- → PERSONAL EFFECTS SUPPLEMENTARY DECLARATION
- → UNACCOMPANIED BAGGAGE DECLARATION

Motor Vehicles

First time residents may import motor vehicles (and most boats) Tax and Duty free providing: the owner intends to take up permanent residence in New Zealand for the first time; has personally used the vehicle for at least one year before their departure date; is importing the vehicle for their own use; and will undertake in writing not sell or dispose of the vehicle within two years after importation. Returning New Zealanders may import a motor vehicle subject to payment of GST on the CIF value of the car. A statement of Compliance verified by either the LTSA or NZAA must be obtained prior to shipping any vehicle.

Immediately prior to shipping, all motor vehicles must have their chassis and wheels steam cleaned and the inside valeted (if applicable.). Vehicles can only be shipped with a minimal amount of fuel in the tank.

Required Documentation from client

- → VERIFIED STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE FROM MANUFACTURER
- **→ VEHICLE REGISTRATION FORM**
- → SALES OR PURCHASE INVOICE
- → EVIDENCE OF INTENDED PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN NEW ZEALAND
- **→** DRIVING LICENCE.







WHAT CAN I SEND?

	Yes/No	Extra info
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Food & beverages	•	
Alcohol & tobacco	O	
Dried herbs and spices	0	In small quantities
Dried flowers, plants, bulbs or seeds	O	
Bone or shell items	O	
Products made of animal fur, feathers, skins, hide or ivory	0	
Stuffed animals, insects	O	
Items made of or containing wood; cane; bamboo, wicker, straw, soil	0	Will be subject to examination
Saddles, riding equipment, pet related items	0	Will be subject to examination
Costume jewellery	0	
Gas & scuba tanks, pressurised cylinders	O	De-pressurised scuba tanks are ok
Ink or printer cartridges	O	
Hazardous chemicals including cleaning materials, paint, varnish, pesticides	0	
Pornographic material	O	
Explosives or flammable gases	O	
Works of art featuring naked figures including statues, busts, figurines and paintings	0	
Religious items including works of art, printed materials, jewelry, propaganda	0	
Weapons, firearms, bayonets, knives, swords	0	
Narcotic drugs	O	

