

# BRITANNIA MOVERS INTERNATIONAL PLC

## GUIDE FOR THE IMPORTATION OF UNACCOMPANIED HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS- NEW ZEALAND



### HOUSEHOLD AND RELATED EFFECTS/MOTOR VEHICLES IMPORTED BY OWNER- REQUIREMENTS FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY

Household and related effects and motor vehicles can be imported free of duty and GST provided they are imported by a person who:

- has arrived in New Zealand; and
- holds a document authorising residence in New Zealand at the time of importation of the goods; and
- has resided outside New Zealand for more than 21 months; and
- has owned and personally used the goods prior to importation into New Zealand

### NOTE

- The goods must not be for any other person, or for gift, sale or exchange.
- Motor vehicles must have been owned and used for 12 months prior to shipping or the owner's departure for New Zealand, whichever is the earlier. The importer will be required to complete a Deed of Undertaking upon arrival in New Zealand to state the vehicle cannot be sold within 24 months of arrival, if the vehicle is sold within the time period then GST tax will be applied.

A 'document authorising residence in New Zealand' means any of the following;

- a New Zealand passport
- a Australian passport
- a current New Zealand residence visa (including a resident return visa) issued by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia
- a current New Zealand work visa or work permit that was issued for a minimum of 12 months

- a current New Zealand work visa or work permit, issued under the Work to residency (Skilled Migrant Category) policy or the Long Term Business Visa/Permit category
- a current New Zealand visitor's visa or permit that was issued for a minimum of 3 years

Full Customs duties will be payable in respect of unused goods, or those that fall outside of the terms of the baggage concessions listed above, including boats and Jet-Ski's.

Documentation required for motor vehicle exportation

- certified copy of passport bio page (if on passport other than NZ/AU then Visa/Visa Permit must also be copied and certified)
- proof of ownership, purchasing papers/receipt and valid registration paperwork
- proof of Certificate of Permanent Export (V5 Registration Document)
- certificate of vehicle compliance (requirement for motor vehicle registration. See NZ Customs Service website for further details)

### HOUSEHOLD AND RELATED EFFECTS/MOTOR VEHICLES IMPORTED PRIOR TO THE ARRIVAL OF THE OWNER

Goods may be cleared ahead of the arrival of the owner. The nominee (friend, relative, employer) appointed by the owner, will be required to complete an Unaccompanied Personal Baggage Declaration, NZCS 218. In relation to this type of import, please refer to Britannia's destination agents prior to shipment for further advice and information (information about Britannia's destination agents can be sourced from your local Britannia member).

Where such goods arrive ahead of the owner, full Customs duties may be required to be paid in respect of unused goods, and those that fall outside of the terms of the baggage concessions.

### BIOSECURITY, WHICH GOODS ARE SUBJECT TO IMPORT CONTROL

There are strict controls on the importation of all plant and animal products into New Zealand. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) Biosecurity New Zealand determines the conditions under which entry will be allowed and prospective importers are advised to contact the Ministry for Primary Industries, PO Box 2526, Wellington or <http://www.mpi.govt.nz>

### PROHIBITED ARTICLES

The following are examples of goods that are prohibited. They should not be imported:

- objectionable (indecent) articles- Pornographic books, recorded media and magazines
- motor vehicles with an odometer reading that does not correctly record the distance the vehicle has driven
- certain types of weapons such as flick knives, butterfly knives, swordsticks, bayonet's knuckle-dusters, and any weapon designed or disguised to give the appearance of another article
- cannabis utensils such as bongs, hash and head pipes, hubble-bubbles, hookahs, and roach clips with a pincer or tweezer action
- ivory in any form, including jewellery, and carvings (except with CITES certificate)
- tortoise or sea turtle shell jewellery, and ornaments (except with CITES certificate)

- skins, furs, hunting trophies and animal derived products (except with CITES certificate)
- prescription medicines (unless copy of prescription is available)
- fruit, meat, fish or dairy products and/or derivatives including homemade foodstuffs
- all honey products
- pine cones
- egg and products made with egg

#### **RESTRICTED ARTICLES**

The following goods are restricted and will be subject to inspection by MPI:

- most herbs and spices
- dried flowers or seeds
- vacuum cleaners (used vacuum bags)
- wicker cane and straw products
- outside equipment- tents, lawnmowers and gardening tools
- equestrian equipment- saddles etc
- artefacts (antiques) masks, wooden carvings etc

\**CITES*-Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora.

#### **WOODEN PACKAGING**

All wooden packaging including crates, pallets, over cases and chocks must be stamped with ISPM15 for Agriculture purposes. If items do not comply to the above, the items may be destroyed, re-exported, fumigated at the owner expense. If in doubt please ask your local Britannia representative for advice.

#### **FIREARM IMPORTATION**

The importation of firearms is also strictly controlled and a Police permit to import is required to import (see Useful Contacts for further information).

#### **QUARANTINE INSPECTION FEES (MPI) AS OF 2012**

The following approximate charges will apply if an inspection is ordered.

Groupage/Baggage	Min \$150.00-\$300.00NZD
FCL 20" & 40"	\$350.00-\$450.00NZD
Cars:	\$165.00NZD
Motorbikes:	\$155.00NZD

Additional fees will be incurred if items do not meet the requirements of MPI, items may be subjected to steam cleaning or fumigation at the importers expense. Items such as equestrian equipment, garden furniture, wood products or camping equipment are high risk items.

**Note:** The above charges include our destination agents compliance, attendance and administration costs.

#### **IMPORT TRANSACTION FEE**

Applicable at \$46.00NZD on all shipments entering New Zealand.

#### **USEFUL CONTACTS**

##### ***Britannia Movers International***

+44 (0)20-8256-1710

[international@britannia-movers.co.uk](mailto:international@britannia-movers.co.uk)

[www.britannia-movers.co.uk](http://www.britannia-movers.co.uk)

##### ***New Zealand Customs Service***

+64 (9) 300-5399

[feedback@customs.govt.nz](mailto:feedback@customs.govt.nz)

[www.customs.govt.nz](http://www.customs.govt.nz)

##### ***Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI)***

+64 (4) 894-0100

[www.mpi.govt.nz](http://www.mpi.govt.nz)

##### ***New Zealand Police- Weapon Import Permits***

+64 (4) 474-9539

[www.police.govt.nz/service/firearms/importing.html](http://www.police.govt.nz/service/firearms/importing.html)

##### ***Vehicle Testing New Zealand (VTNZ)***

+64 (4) 495-2500

[www.vtnz.co.nz](http://www.vtnz.co.nz)

Note: VTNZ will provide assistance in obtaining vehicle Compliance Certificates.