



Import of Prohibited and Restricted Goods

Agriculture items and food imported into the Cook Islands

Customs has alerts in place in its [ASYCUDA World System](#) against the tariff items in the [Working Tariff Document of the Cook Islands](#) for a wide range of items such as animal and animal products, plants, vehicles etc., which requires approval to import product and/or permit to land certificate.

- Further information on agricultural requirements can be found on website: [Biosecurity Cook Islands](#)
- Legislation: [Biosecurity Act 2008](#), [Update Import Specification List](#)

Other Prohibited Items:

Type	Description	Legislation	PROHIBITED
Offensive Weapons, Firearms and similar	<p>Firearms, Offensive Weapons and other dangerous items that are prohibited from entering the Cook Islands Borders.</p> <p>Note: There are discussions of this changing in the future. Most of the items need to be registered and must also have a permit when importing.</p> <p>For further information and clarification on what can be imported with or without a permit, contact:</p> <p>Cook Islands Police Service Phone: +682 22499.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arms Ordinance Act 1954. • Customs Import Prohibition (Offensive Weapons) Order 1977. • Fireworks Ordinance 1957 No. 2. 	<p>Firearms Related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cartridges • Cordite • (Smokeless Military Propellant) • Firearms • Rifles • Air Rifles • Weapons disguised to give the appearance of other articles • Ammunition <p>Explosive Related:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fuses, blasting material etc. • Detonators • Explosives • Fireworks <p>Other weapons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knuckle Dusters • Flick Knives • Sword sticks

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Narcotics/Drugs	<p>Bringing controlled drugs such as cannabis, methadone or pseudoephedrine into the Cook Islands is illegal and is prohibited unless you have a license to import from the Ministry of Health.</p> <p>Attempting to smuggle or import controlled drugs into country could result in imprisonment.</p> <p>Further information regarding the importation of controlled drugs can be obtained from the Ministry of Health. <i>(insert link to FAQ page with Bringing in personal medication question)</i></p>	Narcotics and Misuse of Drugs Act 2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Methamphetamine • Ephedrine • Cocaine • MDMA • Synthetic Cannabis • Cannabis • GHB/ GBL (Gamma Hydroxybutyrate) • Ammunition • Medicinal Marijuana
Indecent or obscene articles and documents, false and counterfeit currency	<p>Prohibited Goods:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False or counterfeit coin or banknotes • Goods manufactured or produced wholly or in part by prison labor except for a bona fide gift made by a prisoner for the personal use of a private individual. <p>If you are not sure on whether your items are prohibited or restricted for import, please contact us.</p>	Film and Censorship Act 1985, Film and Censorship Amendment Act 2008	<p>Indecent, Obscene, Seditious</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Articles indecent or obscene • Book Indecent • Indecent documents • Indecent or obscene articles or documents • Literature – Indecent or seditious • Magazine – indecent • Printed matter – indecent, obscene, seditious • Video tapes – indecent <p>False or Counterfeit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Money

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