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GOODS	DOCUMENTS REQUIRED	CUSTOMS PRESCRIPTIONS	REMARKS

Personal and Household effects	▪ MPI 'Personal Effects – Supplementary Declaration'.
	▪ Inventory of goods.
	▪ Combined Customs and Quarantine declaration 'Unaccompanied Personal Baggage Declaration' (NZCS218) & Supplementary page (NZCS218A).
	▪ Copy of passport (identification page and entry visa only).
	▪ Documents authorising residence in New Zealand – any of the following:
	  ▪ A New Zealand or Australian Passport.
	  ▪ A current New Zealand Residence visa or permit or a current New Zealand returning residence visa or permit.
	  ▪ A current permanent residence visa (including a residence return visa) issued by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia.
	  ▪ A current New Zealand work visa or a work permit that was issued for a minimum of twelve months.
	  ▪ A current New Zealand work visa or work permit issued under the Work to Residence (Skilled Migrant Category) policy or the Long-Term Business Visa/Permit category.
		▪ Concessionary entry (duty and / or tax free) for household effects is available to persons who meet all of the following conditions:
		  ▪ Have arrived and on the date the effects are imported, hold a document authorizing residence in New Zealand (see left); and
		  ▪ Have resided outside of NZ for the whole of 21 months before the date of arrival in NZ; and
		  ▪ Have owned and used the household goods before the date of departure for NZ; and
		  ▪ The goods are being imported for own personal use and note for sale, gift, disposal or exchange.
		▪ Note: If goods falling within the description and criteria in this concession are imported into New Zealand more than 5 years after the arrival of the passenger into New Zealand, the goods may be admitted under the concession only with the consent of a Customs Officer.
		▪ If the household effects are not for you, then duty and GST will apply.
		▪ If the effects are brand new/ unused, you must declare them, because duty and GST
			▪ MPI (Ministry for Primary Industries) 'Personal Effects – Supplementary Declaration' must be completed by the importer at origin at the time the shipment is being packed and must be forwarded to your destination agent together with the rest of the documentation for each shipment.
			▪ Many standard household items can be prohibited or restricted and subject to inspection by MPI (Ministry for Primary Industries) such as foodstuffs, garden tools and equipment, outdoor furniture, sporting goods and equipment.
			  ▪ For further information, refer to MPI website: http://www.mpi.govt.nz
			▪ All shipments entering New Zealand need to go via an MPI approved transitional facility for unloading and final clearances including FCL containers, therefore shipments will not be delivered direct to residence in the shipping container.
			▪ All New Zealand FIDI agents operate MPI Approved Transitional Facilities.

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	• A current New Zealand visitor's visa or permit that was issued for a minimum of three years (excludes a visitor's visa that allows multiple visits up to six months per visit) • Note: Student visa holders do not qualify. However, you may bring items necessary for you to complete your studies (for example, a desk, textbooks, or a computer).	will apply.	
Diplomatic shipments (personal / household effects)	▪ Diplomatic declaration. ▪ Inventory of goods.	▪ Owner must also complete Customs and Quarantine declaration. ▪ Declaration to be signed by the Consulate. ▪ Importation of alcohol: ▪ Restrictions will not normally be placed on the quantities of duty-free or tax-exempt goods that may be imported, provided they meet the reasonable personal requirements of an eligible individual or are clearly identified for official use. ▪ The New Zealand Customs Service monitors the quantity of goods imported/purchased duty/tax-exempt. Where it is considered such imports/purchases are in excess of "reasonable requirements", the Chief of Protocol will be advised, and an explanation will be sought from the Head of Mission/ Post concerned.	
Wedding trousseaux (included with personal / household effects)	▪ Inventory.	▪ Wedding gift treated the same as Personal and Household Effects noted above.	

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Inheritance	▪ Death certificate and either letter from Executor or Copy of Will.	▪ Goods are admitted free of duty provided a copy of Will or Executor's letter is sighted. ▪ The name of the beneficiary and his/her legacy must be specified.	
Piano with ivory keys	▪ Pre-Convention CITES permit is required to import piano with ivory keys.	▪ On shipment, please ensure that the exporter includes the original CITES permit (not a photocopy) with the specimen. The permit also requires validation by border officials before exit from the country of export. The original validated permit must accompany the goods and be surrendered on import in New Zealand to border officials to enable clearance.	▪ Further information on the implementation of CITES from the Department of Conservation website can be found here http://www.doc.govt.nz/about-us/international-agreements/endangered-species/
New furniture, Household items, Presents and Souvenirs (included with personal / household effects)	▪ Purchase invoices / receipts, the "Trade Single Window- Client Registration Application" NZSC224 needs to be completed (agent will supply when required).	▪ If recently purchased prior to shipment duty and GST may apply.	
Jewellery (included with personal / household effects)	▪ Inventory.	▪ Duty free subject to conditions of "Personal and Household Effects".	
Motor cars, motor cycles, motor scooters	▪ Copy of passport. ▪ Original registration / ownership certificate and / or original deregistration certificate as applicable. ▪ Purchase invoice. ▪ Original compliance certificate issued by the manufacturer of the car if applicable / required. ▪ Documents authorizing residence in New Zealand – any of the following:	▪ Concessionary entry (duty and / or tax free) is available to persons who meet all of the following conditions: ▪ Have arrived and on the date the motor vehicle is imported, hold a document authorizing residence in New Zealand (see left); and ▪ Have resided outside of NZ for the whole of 21 months before the date of arrival in NZ; and	▪ Importers qualifying for concessionary entry (duty and / or tax-free) must sign a 'Deed of Undertaking'. ▪ The vehicle also needs a structural inspection, once this is done and is cleared through Customs and MPI the motor vehicle will be required to be tested for certification to New Zealand Safety and Compliance Standards - it is important that owner

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	▪ A New Zealand or Australian passport. ▪ A current New Zealand residence visa or permit or a current New Zealand returning residence visa or permit. ▪ A current permanent residence visa (including a residence return visa) issued by the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia. ▪ A current New Zealand work visa or a work permit that was issued for a minimum of twelve months. ▪ A current New Zealand work visa or work permit issued under the Work to Residence (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 three years.	▪ Have personally owned and used the vehicle for at least 12 months before the date of departure to NZ or the date on which the vehicle is surrendered for shipping, whichever is earlier; and ▪ Do not sell the vehicle within 24 months of importation. ▪ Note: If goods falling within the description and criteria in this concession are imported into New Zealand more than 5 years after the arrival of the passenger into New Zealand, the goods may be admitted under the concession only with the consent of a Customs Officer. ▪ All other importers will attract GST at 15% of the vehicles CIF value (purchase price, freight and marine insurance). ▪ There is no duty on vehicles being imported into New Zealand (duty is however applicable on motor homes for non-qualifying migrants). ▪ An allowance for depreciation may be made depending on length of ownership overseas. ▪ For full details, refer to website NZ Customs: www.customs.govt.nz	checks prior to shipment that vehicle will comply. ▪ For full details, refer to website for the New Zealand Transport Agency www.nzta.govt.nz ▪ Please note that from April 1, 2022, the New Zealand Government introduced the clean car standard for newly registered vehicles. ▪ The costs are based on the CO2 emissions when first registering your vehicle in New Zealand. ▪ Please refer to link below: NZ Transport Agency Overview Guide Clean Car Programme ▪ It is recommended that motor vehicles be steam-cleaned and vacuumed prior to shipment however this is not a guarantee MPI will not order again on arrival in New Zealand. ▪ Be aware of the brown marmorated stink bug season (September – April): ▪ Containerised cargo and or breakbulk from the targeted risk countries must be treated prior to arriving to New Zealand. Failure to meet the Import Health Standards will result in re-shipment or destruction of the sea container and cargo. ▪ Please refer to following link for further details: https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/importing/vehicles-and-machinery/requirements-documents-for-importing-vehicles-machinery-or-equipment/brown-

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Left-hand-Drive Motor Vehicles	▪ Same as for motor vehicles.		▪ Left hand drive vehicles – owner should check before importing a LHD vehicle if the vehicle belongs to one of the permitted categories or is capable of being converted to RHD. ▪ For full details refer to website for the New Zealand Transport Agency www.nzta.govt.nz
Caravans, Trailers	▪ Refer 'personal and household effects'.		
Boats	▪ Same as for motor vehicles.	▪ Same as for motor vehicles (excluding compliance).	▪ Strongly recommended to contact N.Z. Customs for exact details. ▪ For full details, refer to NZ Customs website http://www.customs.govt.nz
Firearms	▪ Import permit and firearms licence from NZ Police.	▪ Pistols, revolvers and some rifles are prohibited. ▪ Used firearms are subject to conditions of 'Removal goods. ▪ For full details, refer to NZ Police website: www.police.govt.nz	▪ Firearms will be seized by NZ Customs pending production of Firearms Permit.
Prescribed Medicines	▪ Copy of prescription or letter from doctor.	▪ Duty Free.	
Plants, Vegetable and animal products		▪ Most plants and products are prohibited.	▪ Must not despatch without checking whether allowed entry. VERY STRICT REGULATION. ▪ For full details refer: www.mpi.govt.nz

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Pets (dogs, cats)	▪ Health certificate. ▪ Import Permit.	▪ Duty free entry. ▪ There are many restrictions on animal types and breeds that are prohibited from entering New Zealand.	▪ Can be subject to strict quarantine regulations. ▪ For full details refer to NZ Quarantine Service MPI website: www.mpi.govt.nz

Prohibited items		▪ Narcotics (Drugs), Incitements
		▪ Pornographic material.
		▪ Certain types of weapons such as flick knives, swordsticks, knuckle-dusters, and any weapon designed or disguised to give the appearance of another article.
		▪ Ivory, turtle and tortoise and other endangered species (except with CITES certification).
		▪ Meat and meat products, honey, eggs and egg products, dairy products, popcorn.
		▪ Tobacco products, tobacco leaf and tobacco refuse:
		  ▪ Prohibited since July 2020.
		  ▪ Importers are required to have a permit prior to import of these products.
		  ▪ Permits are approved and issued by New Zealand Customs Service.
		  ▪ All tobacco attracts high duties and tax (there is no duty-free concessionary allowance).
		  ▪ if no permit is issued the cigarettes will be destroyed.
		▪ Mothball products containing naphthalene, camphor and dichlorobenzene.
		  ▪ Banned and must not be imported as part of personnel effects.
			▪ For further advise refer:
			  ▪ www.mpi.govt.nz
			  ▪ http://www.mpi.govt.nz

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Wooden Packaging		▪ Wood packaging used in shipments entering New Zealand **must** comply with the ISPM 15 standard and carry the appropriate mark. ▪ Consignments that contain non-compliant wood packaging will be treated, destroyed or re-exported at the discretion of MPI. ▪ Regardless of action taken by MPI considerable extra costs will be incurred and clearances will be delayed.	▪ For more information please visit: http://www.mpi.govt.nz

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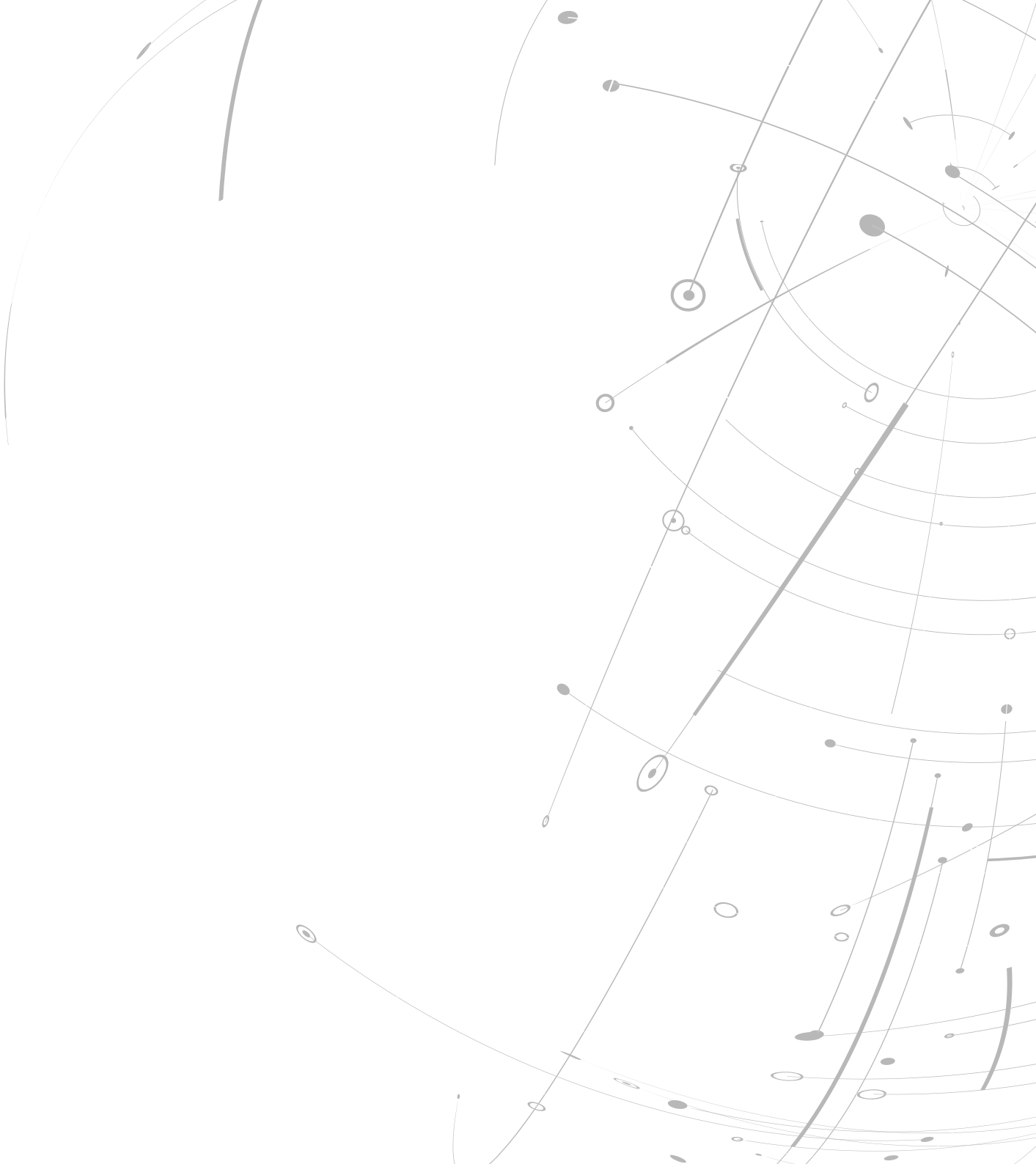

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