

TO BECOME A REGISTERED IMPORTER
YOU MUST BE A NEW ZEALAND RESIDENT.
YOU CAN USE AN AGENT



The MPI website www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/overview/food-imports has more information on the steps you need to take

On the website, you will also find information about how to get a New Zealand Customs client code, register as a food importer, biosecurity requirements and a list of the food that needs food safety clearance.



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THINKING OF STARTING TO
IMPORT FOOD
AS A BUSINESS?



IMPORTING FOOD



New Zealand Food Safety
Ministry for Primary Industries
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WHILE NEW ZEALAND HAS A LOT OF AMAZING FOOD AVAILABLE, WE MAY NOT ALWAYS HAVE WHAT YOU NEED FOR YOUR FOOD BUSINESS.

THERE ARE THINGS YOU WILL NEED TO DO BEFORE YOU START IMPORTING FOOD INTO NEW ZEALAND

To be an importer you will need to:

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Find somewhere to get safe and suitable food

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Check the food you want to import is allowed and safe

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Get a New Zealand Customs Client Code

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Register with MPI as a registered food importer

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Check what rules and paperwork you need

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Get clearance at the border for each consignment

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Keep imported food stored and transported in a safe and suitable way

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Keep paperwork for the food, so we can trace where it came from



HOW MPI CAN HELP YOU

MPI works with food importers to help make things easy for you, to make sure you follow the rules and try and stop you from getting any fines.

All food coming into New Zealand needs to be safe and suitable for people to eat.

New Zealand has strict rules to make sure there are no risks to the New Zealand environment, plants or animals.

Some foods cannot be imported into New Zealand.