



Customs Import Prohibition Order 2017

Patsy Reddy, Governor-General

Order in Council

At Wellington this 7th day of August 2017

Present:

Her Excellency the Governor-General in Council

This order is made under section 54 of the Customs and Excise Act 1996—

- (a) on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council; and
- (b) after the precondition specified in that section has been met.

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Order

1 Title

This order is the Customs Import Prohibition Order 2017.

2 Commencement

This order comes into force on 1 October 2017.

3 Prohibited offensive weapons imports

The importation of the goods specified in the Schedule is prohibited, except with the consent of, and subject to any conditions not inconsistent with this prohibition as may be imposed by,—

- (a) the Commissioner of Police; or
- (b) a Deputy Commissioner of Police.

4 Prohibited motor vehicle imports

- (1) The importation of the kinds of motor vehicles specified in subclause (2) is prohibited, except with the consent of, and subject to any conditions not inconsistent with this prohibition as may be imposed by, the Minister of Customs.
- (2) The kinds of motor vehicles referred to in subclause (1) are motor vehicles imported—
 - (a) without an odometer; or
 - (b) with an odometer reading that does not record correctly the distance the vehicle has been driven.

5 Revocation

The Customs Import Prohibition Order 2014 (LI 2014/255) is revoked.

Schedule **Prohibited offensive weapons imports**

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- 1 Knuckledusters, knives incorporating knuckledusters, swordsticks (including, without limitation, any identifiable components of swordsticks), and any weapon disguised to give the appearance of another article.
- 2 Any knife having a blade that opens automatically by hand pressure applied to a button, spring, or other device in or attached to the handle of the knife (sometimes known as a flick knife or flick gun).
- 3 Any knife having a blade that is released from the handle or sheath by the force of gravity or the application of centrifugal force, and that, when released, is locked in place by means of a button, spring, lever, or other device (sometimes known as a gravity knife or butterfly knife).
- 4 Any knife, with the exception of a folding pocket knife with a blade less than 10 cm in length, that—
 - (a) is designed for ease of concealment on the person; or

- (b) has a blade with at least 2 edges that is designed or suitable for stabbing or throwing (as opposed to cutting); or
- (c) is a knife of any of the kinds sometimes known as a fist knife, gimlet knife, punch dagger, push dagger, push dirk, push knife, T-handled knife, or throwing knife.

5 Bayonets.

Michael Webster,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the order, but is intended to indicate its general effect.

This order, which comes into force on 1 October 2017, continues certain import prohibitions on offensive weapons and motor vehicles.

The prohibitions cover implements that can be used as offensive weapons (knuckledusters, various kinds of knives, and bayonets) as well as motor vehicles with inaccurate odometers or with no odometers. Consents to imports may be granted by the Police in the case of potential weapons, and by the Minister of Customs in the case of motor vehicles.

The *Schedule* is adjusted so that *item 4(b)* covers knives having a blade with at least 2 edges (instead of only knives having a double-edged blade).

This order is a confirmable instrument under section 47B of the Legislation Act 2012. It is revoked at the close of 31 December 2018, unless earlier confirmed by an Act of Parliament. That stated time is the applicable deadline under section 47C(1)(b) of that Act. If confirmed in that way, this order expires on the close of 30 September 2020 under section 55 of the Customs and Excise Act 1996.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

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This order is administered by the New Zealand Customs Service.