

## >>Updated New Zealand requirements for registered food importers and imported food for sale

New Zealand's Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) updated the requirements for registered food importers and imported food for sale (Notice No. MPI 1820) which will take effect on 01 August 2024.

Registered food importers must comply with relevant requirements of this Notice and ensure that food imported into New Zealand is safe and suitable for human consumption. Operating in a way that is not in accordance with this Notice may be an offence under section 233 of the Food Act 2014. Failure to meet the requirements of Parts 5 and 6 of this Notice may result in:

- a) a consignment of food not being granted clearance for entry into New Zealand;
- b) re-shipment or destruction of the imported food at the importer's cost; or
- c) suspension of an importer's registration.

For the Philippines, below is the list of food products and their corresponding import requirements:

<b>Product</b>	<b>Clearance Requirement</b>
Histamine susceptible fish and fish products	Testing of consignment Histamine $\leq$ 200 mg/kg
Chilled ready-to-eat smoked fish and smoke flavoured fish	Testing of consignment Salt (NaCl) content > 3.4% (aqueous phase basis)
Fermented meat products, meat paste and pâté	Testing of consignment
Peanuts and pistachio nuts, and food that contains such products (including peanut butter)	Testing of consignment Total aflatoxin (sum of aflatoxins B1, B2, G1, G2) $\leq$ 0.015 mg/kg
Ready-to-eat crustaceans, including shrimps, prawns	Testing of consignment
Seafood: Scallops (whole adductor muscle only)	Documented evidence confirming that the scallops consist of whole adductor muscle only, with the viscera and roe completely removed

In addition to meeting the requirements under the Food Act 2014, all importers of food into New Zealand must also comply with import requirements under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the Customs and Excise Act 2018.

The list of laboratories approved for testing of imported food can be found in the [Food Notice: Laboratories Approved for Testing Imported Food](#).

The notice can be viewed on the MPI Website:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/dmsdocument/55318-Food-Notice-Requirements-for-Registered-Food-Importers-and-Imported-Food-for-Sale>

Philippine exporters are highly encouraged to directly coordinate with their importers on the specific requirements for their products.

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