



Important Notice To Passengers Sending Unaccompanied Baggage To The United States

The United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) have requested that Air New Zealand make you aware of the following FDA regulation (FDA Bioterrorism Act 2002).

The FDA require that for all food and drink (including anything that is applied to the body, such as cosmetics) that is imported into the United States (or US territory) – the shipper must prior notify the FDA at least 4 hours in advance of the flight arrival in the USA.

Examples of “FDA relevant commodities” include:

- Dietary supplements and dietary ingredients, Vitamins, minerals
- Human/Animal drugs – Antibiotics etc
- Infant formula
- Beverages including alcoholic beverages and bottled water, milk, coffee, tea,
- Fruits and vegetables
- Fish and seafood
- Dairy product and shell eggs
- Raw agricultural commodities for use as food or components of food
- Canned and frozen foods
- Bakery goods, snack food and candy/sweets/lollies, chewing gum.
- Animal feeds and pet food
- Cereal, butter
- Spices
- Cosmetics – shampoo, deodorant, sunscreen, make-up
- Eye – contact lenses

Note: Home baked food sent as personal gifts, or poultry, meat and eggs are exempt.

Recommended Options for Customers

If you have any of these items, or anything else that might fall into the category of “food/drink/cosmetics”, in your unaccompanied baggage consignment to the United States, you have the following options:

- Remove the items and do not send
- Carry the items as checked or carry on baggage as this does not contravene FDA regulations (as it is accompanied). Excess baggage rates to the US are comparable with unaccompanied baggage rates.

Note: United States FDA may impose penalties for the illegal importation of goods, so if you are in any doubt do not send the item in your unaccompanied baggage.

For detailed FDA information please visit the FDA website:

<https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/fda-basics/what-does-fda-regulate>