

Goods	Purpose	Control	Authority	Legislation
Advertising matter relating to any goods the importation of which is prohibited absolutely	To protect the public interest	Prohibited Absolutely	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 4 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Advertising matter relating to objectionable material	To prevent the importation of publications or materials that are objectionable within the meaning of the Classification of Publication (Censorship) Act 1989	Permission of the Chief Censor	Censorship Board	Classification of Publication (Censorship) Act 1989
Animals of all kinds and semen of animals	Biosecurity – to prevent the importation of pests and unwanted organisms	Permission of the Chief Quarantine (Animals)	National Quarantine and Inspection Service	Quarantine Act 1953
Controlled drugs, such as, Cocaine, Cannabis and so on	To protect the public health and the public interest by controlling the importation, sale, distribution, use and possession of certain dangerous drugs	Permission of the Minister for Health	Department of Health	Dangerous Drugs Act 1952
Counterfeit bank notes and coins and any articles that so nearly resemble bank notes and coins as to be likely to deceive	To prevent the importation of counterfeit money not being legal tender in Papua New Guinea	Prohibited Absolutely	Bank of Papua New Guinea	Central Banking Act 2000
Drugs, including medicinal and prescription drugs	To protect the public health and the public interest by controlling the importation, sale, distribution, use and possession of certain drugs	Permission of the Minister for Health	Department of Health	Drugs Act 1952
Firearms, parts of firearms and ammunition	To control the importation of any firearms, parts of firearms and ammunition	Permission of the Commissioner of Police	Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary	Firearms Act 1978
Fireworks	Consumer Protection	Permission of the Minister	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 85 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Fish, living, and the spawn of fish	Conservation	Permission of the Director of Agriculture	National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Service	Quarantine Act 1953
Foods – labelling of food stuffs	To protect the health of the public by controlling the labelling of foods stuffs	Labelling must be in accordance with the Food Sanitation Regulation 2007	Food Sanitation Council	Food Sanitation Act 1991 Food Sanitation Regulation 2007
Goods manufactured or produced using prison labour	To prevent the importation of goods manufactured by prison labour	Prohibited Absolutely	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 92 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Goods that, in the opinion of the Minister, are of a dangerous character and a menace to the community	Community Protection	Permission of the Minister for Customs (The Treasurer)	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 96 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973

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Goods, being book, magazines, video recordings, films, computer discs, sound recordings and so on, that are objectionable (pornography, violence, crime etc)	To prevent the importation of publications or materials that are objectionable within the meaning of the Classification of Publication (Censorship) Act 1989	Permission of the Chief Censor	Censorship Board	Classification of Publication (Censorship) Act 1989
Goods that infringe Intellectual Property Rights	To protect the rights of the owners of copyrights or trademarks	Suspension of Customs clearance pending civil action by right holder / ex-officio action by Customs, including seizure of goods	PNG Customs Service	Part VI Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Knives that incorporate a lever or stud that, when pressed, operates a spring that causes the blade to spring open and lock automatically in the open position (flick knives etc)	To control the importation of offensive weapons	Prohibited Absolutely	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 112 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Literature that advocates the overthrow by force or violence of any country (including the assignation of public officials or the unlawful destruction of property)	To control the importation of such material	Permission of the Head of State, acting on advice	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 119 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Literature that incites disaffection, ill-will or hostility against the Government or Constitution of Papua New Guinea or among it's people so as to endanger the peace, order or good governance of Papua New Guinea	To control the importation of such material	Permission of the Minister for Customs (The Treasurer)	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 120 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Matches containing white or yellow phosphorus	Consumer Protection	Prohibited Absolutely	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 124 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Parrots, parakeets or other birds of the family known as Psittacidae	Conservation	Prohibited Absolutely	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 164 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Pesticides, being any of the substances defined in Section 1 of the Environmental Contaminants (Pesticides) Regulation 1988	To control the importation of pesticides	Permit issued by the Minister for the Environment	Department of the Environment and Conservation	Environmental Contaminants Act 1978
Plastic shopping bags, being any of the substances defined as all High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic bags	To prevent the importation of non-degradable plastic bags	Prohibited Absolutely	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 185A Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Plumage and skins of birds of paradise, crowned pigeon and	Conservation	Permission of the Commissioner of	PNG Customs Service / National Agriculture Quarantine and	Schedule 2, item 186 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation

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any of the several species of large crested pigeons known as Goura		Customs	Inspection Service	1973
Poker machines, punch boards and all similar instruments of gaming	To control the importation of poker machines	Permission of the National Gaming Control Board	National Gaming Control Board	Schedule 2, item 187 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
All gaming machines, parts and accessories, other than poker machines, such as horse racing machines, roulette tables and wheel sets or other similar games of chance or their parts or accessories	To prevent the importation of gaming machines	Prohibited Absolutely	PNG Customs Service	Schedule 2, item 187A Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Rice other than broken rice; glutinous rice; as a pre-packed meal; or brewer's rice in respect of which the Commissioner has given prior written approval	Protection of local industry, health and quality control	Must satisfy the control measures prescribed by the Ministers responsible for trade, health and agricultural matters.	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade / Health and National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Service	Regulation 6 and Schedule 2, item 204A Customs (Prohibited Import) regulation 1973
Rice, being brown rice or vitamin-enriched white rice	Protection of local industry, health and quality control	Must satisfy the control measures prescribed by the Ministers responsible for trade, health and agricultural matters.	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade / Health and National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Service	Regulation 6 and Schedule 2, item 204A Customs (Prohibited Import) regulation 1973
Radio active substances or irradiating apparatus	To control the importation of radio active substances	Permit issued by the Minister for the Environment	Department of the Environment and Conservation	Environmental Contaminants Act 1978
Silencers for use with firearms	To prevent the importation of silencers	Prohibited Absolutely	Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary	Firearms Act 1978
Tear gas and similar substances	To control the importation of tear gas	Permission of the Commissioner of Police AND must be for the use by the Government	Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary	Schedule 2, item 212 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973
Vaccine, living or killed	To control the importation of vaccine	Permission of the Minister for health / Director of Agriculture	Department of Health / National Agriculture Quarantine and Inspection Service	Schedule 2, item 221 Customs (Prohibited Import) Regulation 1973