

New Zealand Customs agreement with The Netherlands enters into force 01.23pm 02 October 2023

A cooperation agreement with the Kingdom of the Netherlands comes into effect on Sunday 1 October, marking a new chapter in collaboration with a key European partner.

The Customs Mutual Administrative Assistance Agreement (CMAA) was signed by officials from both governments in Wellington on 10 March 2022.

The agreement allows the New Zealand Customs Service and Dutch Customs Administration to share important information relating to trade and drug smuggling, enhancing the ability of each agency to combat transnational crime, strengthen supply chain security and support the flow of trade.

Roger Batten, Regional Manager Atlantic, said New Zealand's engagement with countries like the Netherlands helps to enhance trade opportunities and strengthens our respective border systems.

"As the Netherlands is a major logistical hub, our Dutch colleagues have a good understanding of efficient trade as well as how criminals seek to exploit international supply chains. They are also world leaders in innovative technology at the border, with a similar approach to border security," Mr Batten said.

"This agreement enables us to share information that will support our respective agencies to combat transnational crime. It will also allow us to use information that can support traders. As our second largest export market in the EU, the Netherlands is a significant partner for New Zealand, and an attractive gateway to European markets for kiwi exporters."

The joint Customs relationship further supports the Free Trade Agreement with the European Union that was signed earlier in July this year.

In August 2023 Customs hosted a three-day visit by a group of officials from the Dutch Customs Administration led by Director General Nanette van Schelven to sign a joint work programme.

Export

As well as monitoring export goods, we're also charged with encouraging New Zealand's international trade.

We work closely with other countries' Customs agencies to facilitate the movement of trade goods internationally.

As an exporter, you're in a position to benefit from the numerous preferential trade agreements and export schemes which New Zealand has negotiated internationally over the years, and which are designed to promote the export of our goods.

In this section you can learn more about these international agreements and Customs' role in the export sector. You can also access all the information, guidance and documentation you will need in your important role as a New Zealand exporter.

[Start exporting](#)

Follow our step-by-step guide for getting export clearance for commercial goods.

[Export prohibitions and restrictions](#)

Some items are prohibited and can't be exported out of New Zealand.

Clear your exports

You'll need an export entry to clear your goods for export.

Secure Exports Scheme

SES is an internationally recognised programme that certifies New Zealand exporters who meet Customs secure supply chain expectations.

Approved Exporters Scheme (self-declaration of origin)

The approved exporter self-declaration scheme is a trade facilitation initiative. Authorised self-declaration enables approved exporters to self-declare the New Zealand origin of their goods

Export payments and drawbacks

Information to how to pay your duties and other charges.

Certificate of New Zealand Origin

The Certificate of NZ Origin is a third party certificate issued by a number of entities including Chambers of Commerce.