

STRATEGIC PROCUREMENT OUTLOOK

New Zealand Customs Service

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Mission

Protecting New Zealand's border and revenue in order that New Zealanders may live in safety while actively participating in the global community.

Policies & Programmes

The main purpose of the New Zealand Customs Service is to stop any possible dangers, hazards and threats entering New Zealand. This includes everything from illegal weapons, objectionable material and drugs, to dangerous persons, hazardous substances and unwanted biological organisms – anything, in fact, that might threaten our people or our livelihood.

Customs also helps to protect and nurture New Zealand's economic well-being. We collect duties, excise taxes and the goods and services tax (GST) due on imports and exports. We protect New Zealand businesses against illegal trade and copyright rip-offs, and we rigorously enforce import and export restrictions.

As New Zealand's gatekeepers, Customs uses advanced intelligence-gathering techniques to uncover illegal activity. We have the power to check containers, vessels, baggage, mail, persons or property – whether entering or leaving the country. We also conduct investigations and audits of personal and commercial documents, and the movement of currency and goods.

Customs works closely with a number of other agencies including MAF Biosecurity New Zealand (MAFBNZ), Immigration, the New Zealand Defence Force, and the New Zealand Food Safety Authority.

Overarching Purchasing Objectives

The New Zealand Customs Services main purchasing activities relate to:

- Accommodation upgrades - includes redevelopment of existing leasehold premises.
- Government Procurement Reforms - participating in the Government Procurement Reforms and gaining efficiencies and opportunities.

General Information

Total number of employees:	1,211 as at March 2011.
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