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Tēnā koe Ms Redmond

**Official Information Act 1982 request**

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 request of 14 March 2016 requesting information relating to the importation of non approved medications into New Zealand over the last five years.

Please see the attached table in response to your request. The information is broken down by offence description and also includes offences for illicit drugs. The Ministry is unable to distinguish between whether an offence related to the import or export of an illicit drug as the offence code used by the police does not differentiate between these two.

If you require any clarification of the information contained in this response please contact Antony Paltridge, Team Leader, Media and External Relations, at [media@justice.govt.nz](mailto:media@justice.govt.nz) or call (04) 918 8980.

If you are not satisfied with my response to your request, you have the right to make a complaint to the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act. The Ombudsman may be contacted by writing to PO Box 10-152, Wellington.

Heoi anō, nā



PP Tony Fisher  
General Manager, District Courts

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Number of charges where a final outcome has been established, relating to importing medicines and illicit drugs, by offence description, court location and calendar year

Offence Description	Court	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Breach Agricultural Compounds And Veterinary Medicines Act 1997	Christchurch	0	0	0	10	0	0
	Hamilton	0	0	0	5	0	0
	Wairoa	0	0	0	1	0	0
Breaches Of Medicines Act 1981	Alexandra	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Ashburton	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Auckland	105	45	48	55	193	5
	Blenheim	0	2	9	17	2	1
	Christchurch	37	31	34	283	19	24
	Dunedin	1	1	0	2	0	1
	Gisborne	2	1	0	0	0	0
	Hamilton	1	1	13	2	7	3
	Hastings	0	1	1	1	0	0
	Hutt Valley	0	0	0	1	2	7
	Invercargill	0	1	0	0	0	5
	Kaikohe	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Kaitiāia	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Lower Hutt	1	3	0	2	0	0
	Manukau	0	4	1	3	3	1
	Masterton	0	1	0	2	1	0
	Napier	0	1	0	0	2	0
	Nelson	1	4	2	0	1	0
	New Plymouth	11	1	4	7	4	5
	North Shore	4	5	3	3	0	1
	Palmerston North	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Porirua	0	0	0	1	3	1
	Pukekohe	0	0	0	0	3	0
	Queenstown	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Rotorua	0	1	1	1	0	0
	Taihape	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Tauranga	1	2	2	5	0	0
	Timaru	0	0	3	11	0	4
	Tokoroa	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Upper Hutt	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Waihi	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Waitakere	52	0	3	6	4	4
	Wellington	10	2	3	10	2	8
Westport	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Whakatane	1	0	0	1	0	0	
Whangarei	1	0	0	3	0	0	
Import/Export Bzp Type Substances	Christchurch	0	0	0	0	2	0

Offence Description	Court	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Invercargill	0	0	0	0	0	6
	Nelson	0	0	3	0	0	0
<b>Import/Export Cannabis Other Form</b>	Auckland	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Hamilton	0	0	0	6	0	0
	Manukau	0	0	0	5	0	0
<b>Import/Export Cannabis Plant</b>	Christchurch	0	2	1	2	0	0
	Invercargill	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Manukau	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Nelson	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Palmerston North	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Wellington	1	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Import/Export Cannabis Resin</b>	Christchurch	0	2	0	0	0	0
	Gisborne	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Manukau	0	0	1	1	2	0
	North Shore	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Porirua	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Wellington	1	0	0	0	0	1
<b>Import/Export Cannabis Seed</b>	Blenheim	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Christchurch	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Gisborne	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Gore	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Greymouth	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Hamilton	0	0	0	0	6	0
	Lower Hutt	1	0	1	0	0	0
	Manukau	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Masterton	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Napier	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Nelson	0	2	0	0	0	0
	New Plymouth	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Palmerston North	0	0	2	0	0	0
	Queenstown	1	0	0	2	0	0
	Tauranga	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Te Awamutu	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Timaru	0	1	1	0	0	0
	Wellington	0	0	0	0	0	2
	Whakatane	0	0	0	0	2	0
<b>Import/Export Cocaine</b>	Auckland	3	6	7	11	4	4
	Christchurch	0	0	0	2	0	1
	Dunedin	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Invercargill	0	0	0	2	0	0
	Manukau	20	25	5	9	4	1
	North Shore	0	0	0	1	0	0

Offence Description	Court	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Palmerston North	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Rotorua	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Tauranga	0	0	0	1	2	0
	Wellington	0	1	2	0	4	0
<b>Import/Export Ecstasy</b>	Ashburton	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Auckland	6	25	2	0	0	2
	Christchurch	4	0	0	0	0	0
	Dunedin	0	0	0	0	0	4
	Gore	0	0	0	2	0	0
	Greymouth	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Hamilton	0	0	0	6	9	0
	Hutt Valley	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Invercargill	8	2	2	8	0	0
	Manukau	0	1	0	0	6	0
	Palmerston North	0	0	0	4	1	3
	Queenstown	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Tauranga	0	5	0	0	0	0
	Wellington	0	0	1	8	6	1
<b>Import/Export Fantasy Type Substances</b>	Auckland	2	8	2	3	2	66
	Christchurch	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Invercargill	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Manukau	4	0	0	0	0	3
	North Shore	0	0	2	1	0	0
	Rotorua	0	0	0	2	0	0
	Wellington	72	6	0	2	1	0
<b>Import/Export Heroin</b>	Auckland	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Christchurch	1	0	0	0	1	0
	Hamilton	0	0	2	0	0	0
	North Shore	0	0	0	2	0	0
	Wellington	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Whangarei	0	0	0	1	0	0
<b>Import/Export Lsd</b>	Auckland	10	1	0	1	0	1
	Christchurch	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Dunedin	0	0	0	0	1	3
	Hamilton	0	0	0	3	2	0
	Invercargill	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Palmerston North	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Rotorua	0	0	0	0	2	0
	Waitakere	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Wellington	0	0	1	0	4	0
<b>Import/Export Methamphetamine And Amphetamine</b>	Ashburton	0	0	0	0	0	3
	Auckland	29	24	24	14	21	65

Offence Description	Court	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
	Christchurch	0	0	0	1	7	0
	Dunedin	0	0	0	0	0	8
	Gisborne	0	0	0	0	0	1
	Hamilton	0	0	0	0	4	8
	Hutt Valley	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Manukau	14	5	6	3	13	3
	North Shore	0	0	0	3	0	0
	Palmerston North	0	0	0	1	1	3
	Papakura	0	2	0	1	0	0
	Porirua	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Tauranga	0	0	0	1	2	0
	Waitakere	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Wellington	10	0	0	8	8	21
<b>Import/Export Opium</b>	Auckland	0	1	0	0	3	0
<b>Import/Export Other Drugs (Not Cannabis)</b>	Alexandra	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Auckland	147	69	113	52	90	78
	Blenheim	3	0	0	1	0	0
	Christchurch	5	8	0	1	2	3
	Dunedin	2	0	0	0	3	5
	Greymouth	0	0	0	0	5	0
	Hamilton	0	3	7	112	73	9
	Hawera	0	0	4	0	0	0
	Hutt Valley	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Invercargill	5	0	1	0	3	0
	Kaikohe	0	22	0	0	0	0
	Manukau	19	12	44	31	16	12
	Masterton	0	0	0	8	0	0
	Napier	0	31	0	0	0	1
	Nelson	0	0	11	1	0	0
	North Shore	4	0	0	8	0	11
	Palmerston North	4	4	0	0	0	0
	Papakura	4	10	0	0	1	0
	Porirua	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Rotorua	12	3	12	19	0	0
	Tauranga	0	8	0	1	3	0
	Timaru	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Waitakere	1	0	0	0	2	1
	Wellington	7	0	1	1	0	38
	Whangarei	0	0	1	1	0	0
<b>Import/Export Temporary Drug Class</b>	Nelson	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Palmerston North	0	0	0	14	10	0
	Wellington	0	0	0	0	1	0