



**Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry**  
Te Manatū Ahuwhenua, Ngāherehere

**Infringement Notice** for Border Infringement Offence  
(Section 159A, Biosecurity Act 1993)

Notice Number:  
Notice Date:  
Issuing Inspector:  
Pax ref:

This notice is issued to the person named below in respect of the alleged offence described below:

Name: Date of Birth:  
Address: Passport Number and Country of Issue:  
  
Occupation:

**DETAILS OF ALLEGED OFFENCE**

Date: Time: Day of Week: S M T W T F S  
Location:  
Offence: The Person being required to make a declaration in relation to goods specified in that declaration erroneously declared that s/he was not in possession of those goods, namely,

The infringement fee payable for this offence is \$400, and is payable to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry within 14 days after: [insert date] (Earliest date notice delivered personally or posted)

Method of Service: Personal Service  Postal Service   
Served by: [Full Name]  
On: [Date]  
At:[Full address of place where served]

**METHODS OF PAYMENT**

Infringement fees must be paid to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, using one of the following methods:

1. By credit card on the Internet. Visit [www.maf.govt.nz](http://www.maf.govt.nz), enter into the quick word search “on line payment” (bank fees apply).
2. By internet banking to the bank account number on the attached remittance slip and with the “Pax ref” and/or “Notice Number” shown on the Infringement Notice as the reference.
3. By cheque, using the enclosed envelope to Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 53137, Manukau 2150, New Zealand.
4. By phone on (0064) 9 9098517.
5. In person at the MAF Infringement Desk at any of New Zealand’s International Airports.

If this notice has been served on you at an airport approved under section 37 or section 37A of the Biosecurity Act 1993, you may choose to make an immediate payment at the MAF Infringement Desk. Payment can be made in cash, by approved credit card or by cheque made payable to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and marked ‘not negotiable’.

**IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ THE SUMMARY OF RIGHTS PRINTED OVERLEAF**

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Remittance Advice

Notice Number: Pax ref:

The remittance advice must accompany payment by cheque. Please detach the remittance advice and send to MAF, PO Box 53137, Manukau 2150, Auckland. Cheques should be made payable to Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and marked “not negotiable”

Name:  
Address:

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**\$400.00**

## Important

Please read the following information

## Information

### Defence

1. You have a defence against any proceedings for the offence alleged in this notice if you can prove that the infringement fee has been paid to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF), either –
  - (a) using 1 of the methods of payment specified on this form before or within 14 days after you have been served with this notice; or
  - (b) In person (if you were served with this notice at a port or airport approved under the Biosecurity Act 1993).

**NOTE:** Late payment or payment at any other address will not be a defence.

### Right to request hearing

2. You have the right to request a hearing. A request for a hearing must be made in writing (in English), be signed by you, and be delivered to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 53137, Manukau 2150, New Zealand before or within 14 days after you have been served with this notice.
3. If you request a hearing you may deny liability for the offence or admit liability and make submissions as to penalty or any other matter.
4. If you deny liability for the offence, MAF will serve you with a notice of hearing setting out the place and time at which the matter will be heard by the Court (unless MAF decides not to start court proceedings).

**NOTE:** If the Court finds you guilty of the offence, it may impose costs in addition to any fine.

5. If you admit liability for the offence but want the Court to consider your submissions, you should, in your request for a hearing, -
  - (a) admit the offence, and
  - (b) set out the written submissions you wish the Court to consider

MAF will then file your letter with the Court (unless MAF decides not to commence court proceedings).  
There will be no oral hearing before the Court if you follow this course of action.

**NOTE:** The Court may impose costs in addition to any fine.

### Consequences of taking no action

6. If, within 14 days after being served with this notice, you have not paid the infringement fee and MAF has not received a request for a hearing, you will become liable to pay costs in addition to the infringement fee specified in this notice (unless MAF decides not to commence court proceedings against you).

### Questions and other correspondence

7. When writing or making payment please include –
  - (a) The date of the infringement notice; AND
  - (b) The infringement notice number; AND
  - (c) The course of action you are taking in respect of the alleged offence; AND
  - (d) Your full address for replies.

### Rights and obligations

Further details of your rights and obligations are set out in section 159a of the Biosecurity Act 1993 and section 21 of the Summary Proceedings act 1957.

### MAF's postal address

All queries and all correspondence regarding this notice must be directed to: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, P O Box 53137, Manukau 2150, New Zealand.

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