

Border Clearance Services Summer Report

December 2016 – February 2017

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua



PASSENGERS



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Passenger Arrivals

9% increase compared to 2015-16.



4,737

Undeclared Seizures

12% increase compared to 2015-16.



3,538

Infringements Issued

41% increase compared to 2015-16, attributed to decrease (44%) in warning letters and decrease (36%) in investigation referrals.



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New Carriers

Five existing routes increased capacity/frequency.



2,963

Undeclared Fresh Produce Seizures

Consistent with 2015-16, most common undeclared seizure.

- Significant passenger volume increase at Queenstown (11%) and Auckland (10%) airports, attributed to an increase in flights scheduled to both ports.
- Significant increase in passenger arrivals by passport holder type; USA (23%), India (17%), Canada (14%), France (13%) and Germany (12%), attributed to new flights and increased capacity/frequency on existing routes.
- Top five high risk passport holder types remain unchanged. Significant increase in undeclared seizures of Stored Products (17%) and Honey (13%), decrease in Cut Flowers/Foliage (74%).
- Nil Queensland Fruit fly (QFF) interceptions during reporting period.



27%

Decrease in Deployment Effort

Compared to 2015-16*



31%

Decrease in Targeted Gangway Inspections

For passengers on accredited vessels*



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Average Undeclared Seizure Rate per Port Visit

From crew/passengers on accredited vessels compared to 2.3 on non-accredited vessels*

VESSELS



756

Direct International Vessel Arrivals

Incorporating all vessel types, 4% increase compared to 2015-16.



517

Cruise Vessel Port Visits

17% increase compared to 2015-16.



189

Cruise Vessel Port Interventions

41% decrease compared to 2015-16.



102

Yacht Arrivals

During summer period, consistent with 2015-16. Overall decrease (13%) reported for Operation ALBATROSS.

- Significant increase in Container (16%), Cruise (12%), Roll On / Roll Off (18%) and Fishing Vessel (29%) arrivals, decrease in General Cargo (35%) and Bulk Carrier (5%) arrivals.
- One Bulk Carrier vessel with severe hull fouling ordered to leave New Zealand**
- Risk rating for international vessel arrivals remained consistent.
- One alleged intentional concealment event during Operation ALBATROSS.

CARGO



117,057

Full Container Load Imports

4% increase compared to 2015-16, 2% fewer FCL inspections.



72,686

Empty Container Imports

6% increase compared to 2015-16.



88%

Empty Containers Inspected

Inspected were clean on arrival, consistent with 2015-16.



22,341

Lines Inspected

11% increase compared to 2015-16.



5,650

Non-Compliant Lines

14% increase compared to 2015-16, attributes to Cut flowers/Foliage, Fresh Produce and used equipment seizures.

- Significant increase in imports of Germ Plasm (84%), Live Animals (39%), Bee Products (50%), Used Equipment (34%), Seeds/Grain (27%), Cut Flowers/Foliage (26%), Animal Foods (21%) and Timber/Wood (13%) product lines.
- 1,153 full container load's contaminated, 25% decrease compared to 2015-16.



1,059

Consignments Targeted for BMSB Inspection

160% increase compared to 2015-16, attributed to increased targeting measures.



93

BMSB Interception Events

Via cargo pathway during 2016-17, primarily present on used equipment / machinery during BMSB risk period.



3,637

Transitional Facilities (TF) Audits

completed (9%) decrease compared to 2015-16.



281

TF Approvals

6% decrease compared to 2015-16.



Nil

TF Suspended

No changed compared to 2015-16.

MAIL



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Mail Items Imported

6% decrease compared to 2015-16, attributed to 49% decrease in mail arrivals from Australia.



3,201

Total Mail Seizures

1% decrease compared to 3,240 in 2015-16, attributed to decrease in Cut Flowers/Foliage (24%), Plant Products (14%) and Stored Products (10%).



2,091

Undeclared Mail Seizures

8% increase compared to 2015-16, attributed to 23% increase in undeclared Seeds/Grain seizures.

- 78% of undeclared seizures intercepted via x-ray screening; 15% via Quarantine Detector Dog; 4% MPI risk assessment; 3% NZCS referral.
- Significant increase in mail originating from China (119%), subsequently.
- Significant undeclared seizure rates from China (24%), Malaysia (19%) and Cambodia (11%).

* Cruise passenger measures are not limited to the summer period, and reflect the Cruise Line Accreditation Scheme trial period (October 2016 – March 2017).

** Event occurred outside reporting period on 4 March 2017.

The term 'significant' indicates a proportional measure for overall volume increase/decrease.