

Amendments to form NZCS 218, Unaccompanied Personal Baggage Declaration

Following the amendments made to the qualifying status requirements in the Part II, Reference 80 concessions relating to household and other effects, the importer/owner's "arrival status" section of form NZCS 218, Unaccompanied Personal Baggage Declaration, has been updated.

To align with the amended concessions and to simplify the declaration for travellers and brokers, the current nine categories of arrival status have been reduced to two:

- Category "A", covers those travellers who qualify for the concession, and
- Category "B" covers all non qualifying travellers.

When ticking category "B", the declarant must also specify the importer/owner's status, e.g. visitor, student etc.

These changes also align the declaration form with the two amended tariff items introduced at the time of amendment to the reference 80 concessions.

- Category "A" importer's goods are entered under tariff item 9805.00.15.00K, and
- Category "B" importer's goods are entered under tariff item 9805.00.89.00C.

The, "New Goods" note, in the Specific Items section, has been updated to reflect the amended non qualifying arrival status as "B", with the previous five codes removed.

The amended form NZCS218 has been placed on the Longroom, the Customs external website, and the MAFBNZ website.