

 <p>St Helena Government</p> <p>BIOSECURITY</p>	<p>Import Health Standard for the importation of <u>FRESH PRODUCE</u> into the Island of St Helena</p> <p>Issued in pursuance of the Customs (Export and Import Control) Regulations of 1988 and St Helena Plants Protection Ordinance & Regulations 1938, as amended.</p>
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GUIDE FOR USERS

The information contained in this import health standard is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of 4 parts.

PART A: General Information: contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for the ANRD Fresh Produce import health standard and the general responsibilities of each importer of fresh produce.

PART B. Importation Procedure: contains sections which outline the requirements be met prior to and during importation. Whether a licence to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment, if necessary.

PART C: Clearance Procedure: contains sections describing the requirements to be met at all St Helena Island ports of entry and what may happen if the consignment does not meet the requirements of this import health standard.

PART D: Phytosanitary Certification: contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certificate and must accompany the consignment to St Helena.

Part A: General Information

1. Import Health Standard and Importer's Responsibility

- 1.1 Pursuant to the Customs (Export and Import Control) Regulations of 1988 of the Laws of the Island of St Helena, this is the import health standard for the importation of fresh produce into the Island of St Helena. This standard does not cover plant material for growing purposes but only covers fresh produce for human or animal consumption.
- 1.2 Obtaining importation clearance for each consignment of specified plant material for growing purposes imported into St Helena is dependent upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.
- 1.3 1.4 It is the importer or agent's responsibility to ensure they are compliant with the current version of the Fresh Produce import health standard at the time of importation of specified plant material into St Helena.
- 1.5 Where it is known to the importer or agent that a consignment of plant material will not arrive on the ship voyage approved on the licence to import document, notification of this change should immediately be given to either of the ANRD personnel listed at section 6.

2. Review of Import Health Standard

- 2.1 The import health standard may be review, amended or revoked if there are changes to policy or legislation on St Helena Island or the plant health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason.

3. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species

- 3.1 The importation of plants and plant products of some plant species is regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), of which St Helena is a signatory. Application for import of plant species falling under provision 9.1.3 of Section 9 of CITES are 'regulated plant species' and must be accompanied by a valid CITES export permit issued by the appropriate management authority in the country of export. Additional information can be obtained at: <http://www.cites.org>.

4. Definition of Terms

4.1 Inspector

Means the Agricultural Authority or a person appointed under Section 4 of the Introductory Part of the St Helena Plants (Protection) Ordinance CAP 93 and Section 4 of the St Helena Customs Ordinance CAP 145.

4.2 ANRD

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Division of the Environment and Natural Resources Directorate, St Helena Island.

4.3 Equivalence

Acceptance by the Agricultural Authority that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

4.4 Importation clearance

Means that fresh produce given importation clearance is free from all restrictions.

5. Equivalence

- 5.1 It is expected that fresh produce permitted to enter St Helena will meet the conditions of this Import Health Standard in every respect. If the produce does not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence may be submitted to the Pest Control and Biosecurity Officer for consideration. Detailed information supporting the application for equivalence must also be forwarded for a decision, indicating which requirement cannot be met and what measures of an equivalent nature have been taken to compensate.

6. Official Point of Contact

- 6.1 The official point of contact for this Health Standard is:

Julie Balchin, Biosecurity Officer:
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7. Fees and Costs

- 7.1 All fees and costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining importation clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

Part B: Importation Procedure

8. Licence to Import

- 8.1 Importations into St Helena of all eligible fresh produce listed at Section 9.1.1 to 9.1.12 which meet the requirements of this health standard, subject to Section 2 (2) of the St Helena Plants (Protection) Regulations require a 'licence to import'. Applications for a licence should be made on the prescribed 'Application Form' available from ANRD and submitted to the official point of contact identified in Section 6.

9. Eligibility

- 9.1 This Import Health Standard covers the importation into St Helena of fresh entire, peeled or diced fruit and vegetables of the following eligible produce and countries of origin:

9.1.1. **Stone fruit:** all varieties

9.1.2. **Cucurbits:** all varieties

9.1.3. **Citrus:** all varieties

9.1.4. **Table grapes:** all varieties

9.1.2 **Pome fruit:** all varieties

9.1.3 **Mango**

9.1.4 **Other fruit** as follows: avocado, blackberry, black currant, blueberry, coconut (husked), grenadilla, guava, kiwi fruit, lychee, pawpaw, pineapple, raspberry, redcurrant and strawberry.

9.1.5 **Vegetables** as follows: asparagus, aubergine (eggplant/brinjal), green beans, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprout, cabbage, carrot, celery, chilli pepper, root ginger, kohlrabi, leek, lettuce, mange toute, mushroom, parsnip, peas, radish, spinach, sweet corn, sweet pepper, sweet potato, tomato and turnip.

9.1.6 **Onions and garlic**

9.1.7 **Ware potatoes**

- 9.2 The fresh produce listed at 9.1.1 to 9.1.7 is eligible for importation as long as the consignment is clearly labelled, and commercially prepared and packed.

- 9.3 Any quantities of peaches, nectarines and mangoes exceeding ten cartons must be treated to destroy Tephritid larvae (eg by fumigation) prior to export and certified as such. This certificate to be produced to the relevant authority upon landing of the produce. Any items not covered by the above certificate will be confiscated and destroyed.

- 9.4 All produce must be clean and free from all visible pests. In addition, import health standards apply which are specific to the type of produce and country of origin, they are detailed on the import licence and current standards are shown in Appendix A. Changes may apply in the event of for example a new pest incursion or different country of origin.

- 9.5 All packaging accompanying the consignment must be clean and free from live invertebrates.

- 9.6 No uncertified produce may be shipped in the same container as that destined for St Helena.

- 9.7 Fruit and vegetables that have been frozen, cooked or preserved may be imported from all countries.

- 9.8 The country of origin of produce is currently South Africa (all produce except

kiwi fruit and garlic), South Africa, UK and Tristan da Cunha (ware potatoes) or variable (kiwi fruit, garlic and root ginger). Importers wishing to import other varieties of fresh produce to those listed in Section 9.1.1 to 9.1.7 or from different regions or countries other than those listed in this section should contact official point of contact in Section 6 for advice.

10. Documentation

- 10.1 The licence to import and all other required documentation must accompany the imported products to St Helena.
- 10.2 Documentation shall be in English.
- 10.3 It is the importers responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining ANRD and St Helena Government Customs clearance or rejection of consignments.
- 10.4 All fresh produce must be accompanied by an Export Inspection Certificate issued by the official body, certifying that the produce is of export quality. In the case of fresh produce exported from South Africa this is the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB).

Phytosanitary certificate

- 10.5 All consignments must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate certifying that the fresh produce has been inspected in the exporting country in accordance with appropriate official procedures and found to be free of visually detectable regulated pests, and conforms to St Helena's current import requirements. If visually detectable pests are found which are not listed in the import health standard, the certifying National Plant Protection Organisation must establish their regulatory status prior to issuing the certificate.
- 10.6 If satisfied that the specified pre-shipment pesticide treatments have been undertaken, the exporting country National Plant Protection Organisation must confirm this by recording the treatments applied in the 'Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment' section of the phytosanitary certificate. Specifically, the treatment required for peaches, nectarines and mangoes for Tephritid flies must be mentioned here.
- 10.7 In addition, where treatments have been carried out, such as fumigation, a valid treatment certificate must accompany the consignment on arrival.
- 10.8 Where the country of origin is different to the country of export (for example, ginger is imported into South Africa from Thailand and then exported to St Helena) a copy of the original phytosanitary certificate must accompany the consignment. If there is no recognised biosecurity authority in the country of origin the produce will not be accepted into St Helena.
- 10.9 Some fresh produce species may have entry requirements that require special entry conditions to be developed. Differences may involve:

- i. Special treatment requirements;
- ii. Special phytosanitary certificate additional declarations.

All consignments must also meet the conditions outlined in Sections 9.2 to 9.6 and 10.1 to 10.8 unless a variation to these conditions is specified.

11. Transit Requirements and Contaminants

- 11.1 The produce must be packed and shipped in a manner to prevent contamination by regulated pests.

Part C. Importing Clearance Procedure:

- 12.1 An inspector at the port of arrival may inspect the entire consignment, or a sample of the consignment.
- 12.2 The ANRD requires that no units (a unit is one piece of fruit, one tuber or one vegetable) in a consignment is infested with visually detectable quarantine pests. If quarantine pests or diseases are detected the material may be treated, reshipped or destroyed as directed by the Biosecurity Officer, at the expense of the importer.
- 12.3 Provided that the consignment meets the conditions of **Eligibility**, Section 12.2 and **Part D. Phytosanitary Certification**, the consignment will be given clearance. In cases where clearance is not given, advice will be provided by ANRD as to how the importer or his/her agent might proceed thereafter.

Part D. Phytosanitary Certification

13. Application of Phytosanitary Measures

- 13.1 A number of different phytosanitary measures may be applied to pests and diseases depending on the plant commodity and the type of pest or disease. Phytosanitary measures to be undertaken and applied to the plant commodity will be outlined on the 'Licence to Import' document issued from the ANRD.
- 13.2 The following Model Phytosanitary Documentation overleaf contains the information required and recognised by ANRD as equivalent to the requirements of **Part D Phytosanitary Certification**, and is approved to accompany imports of consignments of fresh produce into St Helena when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's competent authority.

14. Model Phytosanitary Certificate of Export

**TO: Agriculture and Natural Resources Division, St Helena Government,
Island of St Helena.**

FROM: Agricultural Authority/Plant Protection Organisation of

I. Origin of the Consignment

i. Origin of consignment (list country, state or territory)

ii. Name and address of exporter

II. Consignment Description

(includes common and botanical name) of plant commodities, the type of material and their numbers contained in the consignment(s)

Common Name	Botanical Name	Material Type	Numbers by Material Type

Number and description of packages

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III. Destination of The Consignment(s)

Name and address of importer(s)

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IV. Declaration

This is to certify that the plant material described herein has been inspected and/or tested according to official procedures and are considered to:

- i. is free from the quarantine pests specified by the importing country

- ii. (Island of St Helena) import licence document for the plant material; conforms to the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing country (Island of St Helena), including those for regulated non-quarantine pests.

V. Any Additional Declaration

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VI. Disinfestation and/or Disinfection Treatment

Date: **Treatment:**

Chemical (active ingredient)

Concentration:

Additional Information: .../.....

Place of Issue:

Stamp of Organisation **Authorised Officer:**

Signature: **Date:**

(Please note: the official stamp of the Country's Government must be applied to all pages of phytosanitary certificate)

Part E: Amendment Record – Import Health Standard for Fresh Produce

Amendments to this Standard will be given a consecutive number and will be dated in the body of the table. Brief details of the amended pages will be included.

No.	Details	Date
1	Revised according to new SHG branding guidelines and 5 digit telephone numbers.	04/11/13

Appendix A. Specific health conditions for fruit and vegetables from South Africa.

PRODUCE	<u>Species related import health conditions</u> – produce must be free from the following specified pests and diseases
POME FRUIT Apple Pear	<i>Ceratitis spp.</i> Fruit flies <i>Cydia pomonella</i> Codling moth <i>Grapholita molesta</i> Oriental fruit moth
STONE FRUIT Apricot Nectarine Peach Plum Prune	<i>Ceratitis spp.</i> Fruit flies <i>Cydia pomonella</i> Codling moth <i>Grapholita molesta</i> Oriental fruit moth <i>Xanthomonas arboricola pv .pruni</i> Bacterial canker
MANGO	<i>Ceratitis spp.</i> Fruit flies <i>Selenothrips rubrocinctus</i> Red-banded thrips In addition, grown in areas free from: <i>Sternochetus mangiferae</i> Mango seed weevil
PINEAPPLE	<i>Dysmicoccus brevipes</i> Pineapple mealybug
CITRUS FRUIT All varieties	<i>Ceratitis spp.</i> Fruit flies <i>Cydia pomonella</i> . Codling moth <i>Aleurocanthus woglumi</i> Citrus blackfly
TABLE GRAPES All varieties	<i>Ceratitis spp.</i> Fruit flies
VEGETABLES Beetroot Brinjal Butternut Carrot Celery Cucumber Leek Parsnip Pepper Pumpkin Squash Sweet melon Sweet Potato Tomato Water melon	<i>Bagrada spp.</i> Painted bug <i>Bemisia tabaci</i> Sweet-potato or Tobacco whitefly <i>Frankliniella occidentalis</i> Thrips <i>Spodoptera exempta</i> True armyworm <i>Spodoptera exigua</i> Lesser armyworm Tephritid fruit flies
POTATOES Ware potatoes	<i>Globodera spp.</i> Cyst nematodes In addition, grown in areas free from: <i>Synchytrium endobioticum</i> Wart disease <i>Ralstonia solanacearum</i> race 3. Brown rot