



St Helena  
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Agriculture and Natural Resources Division

## **BIOSECURITY**

### **General guidelines for importers**

These general guidelines cover the importation of all goods and commodities into the Island of St Helena which are not already covered by specific Import Health Standards.

St Helena has relatively few pests, weeds and diseases compared to countries such as South Africa and the UK. Imported goods are a way in which new ones can be introduced to the island. Some commodities can harbour pests and diseases which affect beneficial plants or St Helena endemic species. Others are not themselves invasive or pests but are capable of carrying weeds seeds and disease-causing microbes in encrusted mud and dirt, and harbouring potentially harmful insects, spiders and mites, hidden away in nooks and crannies.

They therefore pose a biosecurity risk which these guidelines are designed to minimise:

- Goods should be clean and free from dirt, debris of plant or animal origin, live insects or other invertebrates, seeds and other contaminants.
- Any packaging used should also be clean, and preferably new.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the supplier or packer understands that consignments must meet these conditions.
- Badly contaminated items may be refused entry to St Helena, or may be confiscated and destroyed at the importers expense.

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