



St Helena  
Government

## Agriculture and Natural Resources Division

### **BIOSECURITY**

#### **Guidelines for importers of fresh produce**

These guidelines accompany the Import Health Standard for the Importation of FRESH PRODUCE into the Island of St Helena.

Fresh produce imported for human or animal consumption can harbour pests and diseases which affect beneficial plants or St Helena endemic species. These standards are designed to minimise both of these risks.

- You must obtain a licence to import all fresh produce prior to entry into St Helena.
- The import health standards defined on the licence will depend on the type of produce (species of plant) and the country of origin.
- All consignments of fresh produce must meet the specified import health standards.
- All require a phytosanitary certificate from recognised authority in the country of origin. This applies both to produce originating in South Africa and produce originating in another country and being exported from South Africa to St Helena.
- All also require an Export Inspection Certificate from the Perishable Products Export control Board in South Africa.
- Treatment for fruit fly larvae is required for peaches, nectarines and mangoes. This has to be certified on the phytosanitary certificate, and a treatment certificate provided.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the supplier or packer has a copy of the import health standard and that fresh produce meets these conditions.
- On arrival the consignment will be inspected by an authorised agent.
- Badly contaminated items may be refused entry to St Helena, or be confiscated and destroyed.
- Further information can be obtained from:

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