Guidelines for importers of rock, stone, sand and pebbles

These guidelines accompany the Import Health Standard for the Importation of <u>ROCK, STONE, SAND AND PEBBLES</u> into the Island of St Helena.

While rocks, stones, sand and pebbles are not themselves invasive or pests, they 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 standards are designed to minimise.

- You do not require an import licence to import rocks, stone, sand or pebbles into St Helena.
- However, all consignments must meet specified import health standards.
- Smaller quantities imported in sealed bags of up to 25kg per bag do not require any treatment before importation.
- Larger quantities imported loose, for example in open canvas bags, require treatment to kill any live insects in the country of origin. On arrival you will need to show proof of treatment, such as a fumigation certificate.
- Some species (for example coral rock) may be covered by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and require CITES certificates both from the country of origin and St Helena as the country of import.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the supplier or packer has a copy of the import health standard and understands that consignments of rocks, stones, sand and pebbles must meet these conditions.
- On arrival the consignment may be inspected by an authorised agent.
- If live insects are found treatment will be required, at your expense.
- If it fails to meet the import health standards it may be refused entry, or confiscated and destroyed.
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