



St Helena
Government

Agriculture and Natural Resources Division

BIOSECURITY

Guidelines for importers of sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings

These guidelines accompany the Import Health Standard for the Importation of SAWDUST, WOOD CHIPS AND WOOD SHAVINGS into the Island of St Helena.

Wood itself is capable of harbouring potentially harmful forestry pests and diseases, while sawdust, wood chippings and wood shavings can carry weeds seeds and potentially harmful insects, spiders and mites. They therefore pose a biosecurity risk which these standards are designed to minimise.

- You do not require an import licence to import sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings into St Helena.
- However, all consignments must meet specified import health standards.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the supplier or packer has a copy of the import health standard and understands that consignments of sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings must meet these conditions.
- It is your responsibility to ensure the consignments are free of live insects, seeds and other contaminants prior to arrival in St Helena.
- On arrival they may be inspected by an authorised agent.
- If they fail to meet the import health standards they may be refused entry, or confiscated and destroyed.
- If live insects are found treatment will be required, at your expense.
- Badly contaminated items may be refused entry to St Helena.
- Further information can be obtained from:

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