



St Helena  
Government

Agriculture and Natural Resources Division

## BIOSECURITY

### Guidelines for importers of wooden artefacts and handicrafts

These guidelines accompany the Import Health Standard for the Importation of WOODEN ARTEFACTS AND HANDICRAFTS into the Island of St Helena.

While Wooden artefacts and handicrafts 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 wooden artefacts and handicrafts 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 composts and peat must meet these conditions.
- It is your responsibility to ensure the consignments are free of live insects, seeds, soil and other contaminants prior to arrival in St Helena.
- On arrival they may be inspected by an authorised agent.
- If live insects are found treatment will be required, at your expense.
- Badly contaminated items may be refused entry to St Helena, or confiscated and destroyed.
- Some species (for example shells, dried insects such as butterflies in display cases, etc) 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.
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