

 <p><b>St Helena Government</b></p> <p><b>BIOSECURITY</b></p>	<p><b>Import Health Standard for the importation of <u>ROCK, STONE, SAND AND PEBBLES</u> into the Island of St Helena</b></p> <p>Issued in pursuance of the Customs (Export and Import Control) Regulations of 1988 and St Helena Plants Protection Ordinance &amp; Regulations 1938, as amended.</p>
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## GUIDE FOR USERS

The information contained in this product import health standard is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of 3 parts.

**PART A: General Information:** contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for the ANRD rock, stone, sand and pebbles import health standard and the general responsibilities of each importer for these items.

**PART B. Importation Procedure:** contains sections which outline the requirements be met prior to and during importation and conditions of eligibility.

**PART C: Clearance Procedure:** contains sections describing the requirements to be met at all St Helena Island ports of entry and what may happen if the consignment does not meet the requirements of this import health standard.

## **Part A: General Information**

### **1. Import Health Standard and Importer's Responsibility**

- 1.1 Pursuant to the Customs (Export and Import Control) Regulations of 1988 of the Laws of the Island of St Helena, this is the import health standard for the importation of rock, stone, sand and pebbles into the Island of St Helena.
- 1.2 Obtaining importation clearance for each consignment of rock, stone, sand and pebbles imported into St Helena is dependent upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this import standard.
- 1.3 It is the importer or agent's responsibility to ensure they are compliant with the current version of the rock, stone, sand and pebbles import health standard at the time of importation of these items into St Helena.

### **2. Review of Import Health Standard**

- 2.1 The import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes to policy or legislation on St Helena Island, or for any other lawful reason.

### **3. Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species**

- 3.1 The importation of organic products derived from corals of some species are regulated under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), of which St Helena is a signatory. Application for import of species identified in Appendices I, II or III must be accompanied by a valid CITES export permit issued by the appropriate management authority in the country of export, unless covered by exemptions as specified in Article VII. Additional information can be obtained at: <http://www.cites.org>.

### **4. Definition of Terms**

#### **4.1 Inspector**

Means the Agricultural Authority or a person appointed by the Agricultural Authority as defined under Section 3 of the Plants Protection Ordinance 2011 CAP 93, in addition to the Collector of Customs or a customs officer appointed under Section 4 of the St Helena Customs Ordinance CAP 145.

#### **4.2 ANRD**

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Division of ENRD, the Environment and Natural Resources Directorate, St Helena Island.

#### **4.3 Equivalence**

Acceptance by the Agricultural Authority that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the biosecurity status of the consignment is equivalent to the biosecurity status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

#### **4.4 Importation clearance**

Means that products given importation clearance are free from all restrictions.

## **5. Equivalence**

- 5.1 It is expected that rock, stone, sand and pebbles permitted to enter St Helena will meet the conditions of this import health standard in every respect. If the products do not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence may be submitted to the Biosecurity Officer for consideration prior to importation. Detailed information supporting the application for equivalence must also be forwarded for a decision, indicating which requirement can not be met and what measures of an equivalent nature have been taken to compensate.

## **6. Official Point of Contact**

- 6.1 The official point of contact for this Health Standard is:

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## **7. Fees and Costs**

- 7.1 All fees and costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining importation clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

# **Part B: Importation Procedure**

## **8. Licence To Import**

- 8.1 Importations into St Helena of rock, stone, sand and pebbles which meet the requirements of this health standard do not require a licence to import.

## **9. Eligibility**

- 9.1 This Import Health Standard covers the importation into St Helena of the following mineral organic and non-organic material:

9.1.1 Rock, stone, sand, pebbles, gravel and clinker.

9.1.2 Organic material include coral rock and sand of shell or coral origin.

- 9.2 Material supplied in **sealed bags of up to 25kg** each can be imported provided that it is:

9.2.1 From a commercial supplier.

9.2.2 In sealed, original packaging.

9.2.3 Clean and free from organic debris of plant or animal origin (soil, seeds, bark, leaves, fur, feathers, etc).

9.2.4 Examples of material in this case include: aquarium gravel, play sand, builders sand, and rounded river pebbles for ornamental use. It is

expected that the total amount of material imported at any one time is in the region of 100kg – 500kg.

9.2.5 Material such as builders sand and play sand must meet UK industry standards.

9.3 Material **supplied loose**, such as in open canvas bags, can be imported provided that it is:

9.3.1 From a commercial supplier.

9.3.2 All consignments must be treated in the country of origin by fumigation, irradiation or heat treatment to kill live invertebrates and weed seeds.

Fumigation rates are as follows, for temperatures above 20 degrees:

Methyl Bromide  
48gr /m<sup>3</sup> or 1.58Kg per container  
Await 24 hours prior to opening

Aluminum Phosphide (dry sand only)  
18 x 3mg tablets / container  
Await 7 days before opening

9.3.3 Free from organic debris of plant or animal origin (soil, seeds, bark, leaves, fur, feathers, etc).

9.3.4 Examples of material in this case includes: dune sand, river sand or aggregate for construction work. It is expected that the total amount of material imported at any one time is in excess of 1 tonne.

9.3.5 Material intended for construction use must meet UK industry standards.

9.4 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure each consignment is **clean** and **free of all quarantine risk material**, including live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal faeces, animal material, plant material such as straw, twigs, leaves, roots, bark and other debris prior to arrival in St Helena.

9.5 All packaging must be clean and new.

## **9. Documentation**

9.1 In the case of material detailed in Section 9.3.1 to 9.3.5 **proof of treatment** such as a fumigation certificate from a professional fumigation company in the country of origin is required and must accompany the consignment on arrival in St Helena.

## **Part C. Importing Clearance Procedure**

10.1 An inspector at the port of arrival may inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment. Providing that the consignment meets the conditions of **Eligibility** in Section 8 the consignment will be given clearance.

- 10.2 For small quantities of material as detailed in Section 9.2.1 to 9.2.5, if **soil, plant or animal related material** is found on inspection the consignment will be treated by immersion in a chlorine-based bleach solution (domestic bleach containing sodium hypochlorite) as follows:

Chlorine-based bleach at a dilution rate of 1 part bleach to 4 parts water, and allow to stand for at least 24 hours.

- 10.3 Volcanic clinker can harbour weed seeds, invertebrates and micro-organisms in internal crevices. Small quantities of less than 100kg of clinker must either be treated in the country of origin as detailed in Section 9.3.2 or be subject to immersion in a chlorine solution as detailed in Section 10.2 on arrival in St Helena.

- 10.4 For both large and small quantities, if **live insects** are found the consignment will be treated either by immersion in chlorine-based bleach solution or cold storage as follows:

Store at -18°C for 7 consecutive days starting when the core temperature of the consignment reaches -18°C. A core temperature of -18°C must be maintained over 7 consecutive days.

Chlorine-based bleach at a dilution rate of 1 part bleach to 4 parts water, and allow to stand for at least 24 hours.

- 10.5 Treatment will be carried out by an authorised officer. After treatment the item is re-checked for signs of live insects and a second treatment will be applied, if necessary.

- 10.6 Treatment will be carried out at the importer's expense.

- 10.7 Rock, stone, sand, pebbles or other mineral material found to be badly contaminated may be refused entry to St Helena, or confiscated and destroyed at the importers expense.

## **Part D. Amendment Record – Import Health Standard for Rock, Stone, Sand and Pebbles.**

Amendments to this Standard will be given a consecutive number and will be dated in the body of the table. Brief details of the amended pages will be included.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	First draft placed on-line	April 2015
2	Revised with new contact details for BSO	September 2015
3	Revised with feedback from public consultation and endorsed by EDC	October 2016