

 <p>St Helena Government</p> <p>BIOSECURITY</p>	<p>Import Health Standard for the importation of</p> <p><u>SAWDUST, WOOD CHIPS AND WOOD SHAVINGS</u></p> <p>into the Island of St Helena</p> <p>Issued in pursuance of the Customs (Export and Import Control) Regulations of 1988 and St Helena Plants Protection Ordinance & 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 sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings 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 sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings into the Island of St Helena.
- 1.2 Obtaining importation clearance for each consignment of sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings 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 sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings 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 plant products of some species is 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 the sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings 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 sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings listed at Section 9.1.1 to 9.1.2 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 sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings:

- 9.1.1 Sawdust, wood chips, wood shavings and wood wool includes wood that has been sawn, chipped, shaved or peeled to form wood pieces that are either no larger than 15 mm in length and 10 mm in cross-section, or no greater than 3 mm in cross-section if longer than 15 mm.

But excludes sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings principally made up of bark.

- 9.2 All sawdust, wood chips and wood shavings listed at 9.1.1 above must be:

9.2.1 Free of live insects or other visible signs of pests.

9.2.2 Packed and shipped in a manner that prevents infestation and/or contamination by regulated pests, such as: plastic wrapping, 6 sided boxing, or a closed shipping container.

- 9.2.3 Relatively free of extraneous material (e.g. leaves, soil, bark); a contamination rate of 0.01% w/w extraneous material is considered acceptable.
- 9.2.4 The consignment must be in unopened original bags from a commercial supplier. Bags must be clean and free from any contaminants.
- 9.3 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 debris prior to arrival in St Helena.
- 9.3 Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean and new.

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** the consignment will be given clearance.
- 10.2 If any contamination is found on inspection the consignment may be confiscated and destroyed, at the importers expense.
- 10.3 If live insects are found, consignment is subject to the following treatment:
 - 10.3.1 Cold storage 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.
- 10.4 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.
- 10.5 Treatment will be carried out at the importer's expense.
- 10.6 A consignment of sawdust, wood chips or wood shavings 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 Sawdust, Wood Chips and Wood Shavings.

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.

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