



St Helena
Government

BIOSECURITY

**Import Health Standard for the
importation of
VEHICLES, MACHINERY AND TYRES
into the Island of St Helena**

Issued in pursuance of the Customs (Export and Import Control) Regulations of 1988 and St Helena Plants Protection Ordinance & Regulations 1938, as amended.

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 vehicles, machinery and tyres 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 vehicles, machinery and tyres into the Island of St Helena.
- 1.2 Obtaining importation clearance for each consignment of vehicles, machinery and tyres 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 vehicles, machinery and tyres 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. Definition of Terms

3.1 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.

3.2 ANRD

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

3.3 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.

3.4 Importation clearance

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

4. Equivalence

- 4.1 It is expected that the vehicles, machinery and tyres 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.

5. Official Point of Contact

5.1 The official point of contact for this Health Standard is:

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6. Fees and Costs

6.1 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

7. Licence To Import

7.1 Importations into St Helena of all vehicles, machinery and tyres listed at Section 8.1.1 to 8.1.3 which meet the requirements of this health standard do not require a licence to import.

8. Eligibility

8.1 This Import Health Standard covers the importation into St Helena of the following vehicles, machinery and tyres:

8.1.1 **Vehicle**, new or used: a conveyance that is used to transport people, objects or substances, including:

- motorised vehicles such as buses, cars, motor cycles, scooters, quad bikes, trucks, utility vehicles, vans, motor homes, motorised bicycles, boats, forklifts, forestry and agricultural and on-site construction vehicles (eg tractors, harvesters, rotavators, etc);
- non-motorised and/or self-propelled vehicles such as trailers, caravans, and vessels.

But excludes:

- non-motorised bicycles
- non-road domestic vehicles not requiring registration from St Helena transport, such as wheelchairs, mobility devices, etc.

8.1.2 **Machinery**: mechanical devices that transmit or modify energy to perform or assist in the performance of human tasks, whether self-propelled, drawn, pushed or fixed in position, including:

- Forestry, agricultural and horticultural equipment, such as logging equipment, portable sawmills, balers, ploughs, tedders, rollers, discers, pesticide sprayers and cranes.

- Construction, building, and production equipment, such as concrete mixers, elevators, escalators, generators, and road construction and earth moving equipment such as JCBs, excavators, bulldozers, etc.
- Components of vehicles/machinery, such as engines, chassis, suspension units and tyres.
- Used research and diagnostic equipment, such as centrifuges, biohazard cabinets, air processing and extraction equipment, and fumehoods.
- Equipment used to house and/or process plants and plant products.
- Any item of equipment that an inspector deems machinery

8.1.3 **Tyres** new, used or retreads, of all sizes.

8.3 All vehicles, machinery and tyres listed at 8.1.1 to 8.1.3 above must be thoroughly cleaned, both internally and externally before arrival in St Helena. 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, food refuse and other debris prior to arrival in St Helena.

8.4 For **vehicles and machinery listed in 8.1.1 and 8.1.2**, an authorised officer may inspect all areas of the vehicle. If the vehicle is found to be contaminated, they will direct it for cleaning at the importer's expense. The vehicle will then be re-inspected. If the vehicle is found to be heavily contaminated it may be exported from St Helena at the importer's expense. Important points to check are:

- Wheels, wheel guards, mud guards;
- Spare tyre;
- The underside of the vehicle must be clean;
- Above and around fuel tank;
- Inside chassis rails;
- Inside, the vehicle must be vacuumed to be clean of soil, food, sand and gravel - in the boot, under seats, floor mats, foot pedals and in all pockets and compartments;
- Engine bay - add anti-freeze or commercial windscreen wash to any water in the windshield reservoir; add antifreeze to the radiator water and ensure it is clean and free of debris in the cooling fins;
- Air-filter – must be new or clean of dust, weed seeds and insects.

8.5 Motorcycles, scooters and quad bikes must be thoroughly clean from soil and road grime, plant matter and seeds. Important points to check are:

- Wheels, wheel guards, mud guards;

- Engine bay – ensure your radiator is clean and free of debris in the cooling fins;
 - The underside of the motorcycle must be clean;
 - Behind the fairings and side-covers.
- 8.5 **Tyres, as listed in 8.1.3 above**, must be free of water and watermarks, live insects, soil and other quarantine risk material.
- 8.6 **Tyres on the rim** must be inflated, to prevent the formation of a crack between the rim and the tyre which can harbour soil and invertebrates.
- 8.7 Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean, preferably new.

Part C. Importing Clearance Procedure:

- 9.1 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.
- 9.2 If any contamination is found, the vehicle, machinery or tyres must be thoroughly cleaned by the importer to an acceptable standard in an area designated by the authorised authority.
- 9.3 If live insects are found, the vehicle or machinery is subject to treatment with residual surface spray as follows:
- 9.3.1 Residual synthetic pyrethroid surface spray (eg Mortein, Raid or Doom crawling insect spray) can be purchased at supermarkets and similar outlets. The surface to be treated should have no free water droplets on it, and the insecticidal spray should be applied to the surface to be treated so that the insecticide is forming small beads and up to but not past the stage where droplets start to run together and run off vertical surfaces. The spray should be completely dried before the goods are released. Treatment will be carried out by an authorised biosecurity officer.
- 9.4 If small amounts of water are found in tyres the consignment will be subject to treatment with residual surface spray to the tyre and chlorine-based bleach added to the water as follows:
- 9.4.1 Residual pyrethroid surface spray (eg Mortein, Raid or Doom crawling insect spray) can be purchased at supermarkets and similar outlets. The surface to be treated should have no free water droplets on it, and the insecticidal spray should be applied to the surface to be treated so that the insecticide is forming small beads and up to but not past the stage where droplets start to run together and run off vertical surfaces. The spray should be completely dried before the goods are released. Treatment will be carried out by an authorised biosecurity officer.

- 9.4.2 Chlorine-based bleach at a dilution rate of 1 part bleach to 4 parts water, and allow to stand for at least 24 hours.
- 9.5 Treatment will be carried out at the importer's expense.
- 9.6 A vehicle, machinery or consignment of tyres found to be badly contaminated may be refused entry to St Helena.

Part E. Amendment Record – Import Health Standard for Vehicles, Machinery and Tyres.

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.

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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