



St Helena  
Government

BIOSECURITY

**Import Health Standard for the  
importation of  
WOODEN ARTEFACTS AND  
HANDICRAFTS  
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 wooden artefacts and handicrafts 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 wooden artefacts and handicrafts into the Island of St Helena.
- 1.2 Obtaining importation clearance for each consignment of wooden artefacts and handicrafts 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 wooden artefacts and handicrafts 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 shells, feathers, plants and 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 wooden artefacts and handicrafts 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 all wooden artefacts and handicrafts 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 wooden artefacts and handicrafts:

9.1.1 **Wooden artefacts**, new or used, including:

- Manufactured and processed furniture and articles made from wood of any type.
- Cane and rattan articles (made from the genus *Calamus* or allied genera). It includes bundles of prepared rattan, cricket bat handles, furniture, kitchenware, mats, etc.

But excludes:

- Timber for construction purposes

9.1.2 **Handicrafts**, new or used, including items made of wood, shells, feathers, animal skins (with or without fur), and plant material such as stems, grass or raffia, etc.

- 9.2 All wooden artefacts and handicrafts listed at 9.1.1 to 9.1.2 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.

- 9.3 Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean, preferably 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, the wooden artefacts and handicrafts must be thoroughly cleaned by the importer to an acceptable standard in an area designated by the authorised authority.
- 10.3 If live insects are found, the wooden artefact or handicraft is subject to one of the following treatments as appropriate:
- 10.3.1 Residual synthetic pyrethroid surface spray (eg Mortein, Raid or Doom crawling insect spray). 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. Residual pyrethroid surface spray can be purchased at supermarkets and similar outlets.
  - 10.3.2 Aerosol insecticide spray (eg Mortein, Raid or Doom flying insect spray). The item to be treated is placed inside a thick plastic bag and 5 seconds of aerosol spray applied, directing the spray to the plastic. The bag is sealed and left for 24 hours. Aerosol insecticide spray for flying and crawling insects can be purchased at supermarkets or similar outlets.
  - 10.3.3 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 wooden artefact or handicraft found to be badly contaminated may be refused entry to St Helena, or confiscated and destroyed at the importers expense.

