

## ST HELENA

### REVISED EDITION OF THE LAWS, 2017

#### CATEGORIES LIST OF ST HELENA ORDINANCES

- *This is a list by category of all Ordinances and subsidiary legislation the text of which can be found in the St Helena section of the website. See the [Alphabetical List](#) for links to the texts.*
- *The text of any extant subsidiary legislation follows the text of the enabling Ordinance.*
- *The categories are in alphabetical order and are for convenience only. They have no legislative significance.*
- *The Ordinances in each category are in alphabetical order, but the subsidiary legislation is in chronological order to show the history of its making.*
- *For a history of all St Helena legislation, see the [Chronological Table](#).*

#### BASIC LAWS<sup>1</sup>

Constitution of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, 2009

Revised Edition of the Laws Ordinance, 1999

St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Royal Instructions, 2009

St Helena and Dependencies Territorial Sea Order, 1989 (UK)<sup>2</sup>

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Census Ordinance, 1986

Commission for Equality and Human Rights Ordinance, 2015

Commissions of Enquiry Ordinance, 1926

Constitution of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, 2009

- Provision made by Governor for enabling Public Officers to be qualified to be elected (see Elections Ordinance, 2009)
- Select Committees (Establishment) Order, 2022

Elections Ordinance, 2009

- Elections Regulations, 2009
- Registration of Electors Regulations, 2009
- Elections (Electoral Districts) Regulations, 2013

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<sup>1</sup> Common to all 3 territories. Texts can be found as Annexes to the General Introduction to the Revised Edition of the Laws 2017 website.

<sup>2</sup> S.I. 1989/1994

- Provision made by Governor for enabling Public Officers to be qualified to be elected (made under the Constitution)

English Law (Application) Ordinance, 2005

- Application Orders and Disapplication Orders

European Union Withdrawal Agreement (Limited Application) Ordinance, 2020

Interpretation Ordinance, 1968

- Change of Title Notices

Legislative Council Proceedings Ordinance, 1974

Legislative Council (Remuneration and Allowances) Ordinance, 2010

National Honours and Awards Ordinance, 2021

- National Honours and Awards Regulations 2021

Pensions Ordinance 2012

- Pensions Regulations, 2012

Public Access to Government Information Ordinance, 2021

Statistics Ordinance, 2000

## **CORPORATE BODIES**

Charities Ordinance, 2005

- Charities Regulations, 2005
- Charities (Exempt Bodies) Regulations, 2006
- Charities (Exempt Bodies) Regulations, 2007
- Courts (Charities) Rules, 2015

Companies Ordinance, 2004

- Companies (Appointment Of Registrar) Regulations, 2004
- Companies (Fees And Forms) Regulations, 2004

Co-operative Societies Ordinance, 1932

- Co-Operative Societies Rules, 1951

Friendly Societies Ordinance, 1939

Mutual Organisations Ordinance, 2008 (not in force at 1 November 2017)

## **COURTS AND JUSTICE**

Administration of Estates Ordinance, 1986

- Administration of Estates (Forms) Rules, 1986
- Administration of Estates Rules, 2009

Civil Procedure Ordinance, 1968

- Civil Procedure Rules, 1969

Commissioners for Oaths Ordinance, 1968

- Commissioners For Oaths Rules, 1968

Coroners and Presumption of Death Ordinance, 2015

- Coroners (Inquests) Rules, 2015
- Coroners (Investigations) Regulations, 2015
- Coroners (Allowances, Fees and Expenses) Regulations, 2015

Courts (Appeals and Rules) Ordinance, 2017

- Supreme Court (Fees) Rules, 1984
- Magistrates' Court Fees Rules, 1984
- Sound Recordings Rules, 1989
- Supreme Court (Miscellaneous Applications) Rules, 1992
- Courts (Rights of Audience and Enrolment) Rules, 1992
- Court of Appeal Rules, 1998
- St Helena Court of Appeal (Appeal to Privy Council) Order, 1964 (UK)
- Courts (Welfare Of Children)(Forms) Rules, 2010 (*see under the Welfare of Children Ordinance, 2008*)
- Courts (Protection Orders) Rules, 2018 (*see under Domestic Abuse Ordinance, 2017*)

Courts (Extension of Jurisdiction) Ordinance, 2016<sup>3</sup>

Crown Proceedings Ordinance, 1993

Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Ordinance, 1961<sup>4</sup>

- Foreign Judgments (Reciprocal Enforcement) Rules, 1961
- Foreign Judgments (Australia And Its External Territories) Order, 1994

Imperial Probates Ordinance, 1899

Law Officers Ordinance, 2013

Legal Aid, Assistance and Services Ordinance, 2017

- Legal Aid Regulations, 2003

Magistrates' Court Ordinance, 2011

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<sup>3</sup> Makes Ascension and Tristan da Cunha orders enforceable in St Helena; but not vice versa. See also the Courts (Extension of Jurisdiction) (Ascension) Ordinance, 2016 which makes St Helena and Tristan da Cunha orders enforceable in Ascension (but not vice versa).

<sup>4</sup> See also the Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Designation of Reciprocating Countries) Order 1983 (SI 1983/1125)

Powers of Attorney Ordinance, 1979

Public Trustee Ordinance, 1977

Sheriff of St Helena Ordinance, 1969

## **CRIME AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE<sup>5</sup>**

Criminal Damage Ordinance, 1979

Criminal Justice (Fixed Penalties) Ordinance, 2020

Criminal Procedure Ordinance, 1975

Drugs (Prevention of Misuse) Ordinance, 2003

- Drugs (Authorisation Of Cultivation And Possession) Regulations, 2009

Drugs (Trafficking Offences) Ordinance, 2003

Firearms Ordinance, 1997

- Firearms (Fees) Regulations, 1998
- Firearms (Forms) regulations, 2017

Juries Ordinance, 1979

Money Laundering Ordinance, 2008

Obscene Publications Ordinance, 1930

Police and Criminal Evidence Ordinance, 2003

- Codes of Practice Order, 2003
  - CODE A: Code of Practice for the exercise by police officers of statutory powers of stop and search
  - CODE B: Code of Practice for the searching of premises by police officers and the seizure of property found by police officers on persons or premises
  - CODE C: Code of Practice for the detention, treatment and questioning of persons by police officers
- Code of Practice Order, 2009
  - CODE D: Code of Practice on audio recording interviews with suspects

Protection of Women Ordinance, 1930

Public Order Ordinance, 1997

Sexual Offences (Communication with a child) Ordinance, 2022

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<sup>5</sup> For extradition powers, see the Extradition Act 2003 (Overseas Territories) Order 2016 (SI 2016/990)

Summary Offences Ordinance, 1975

## **EMPLOYMENT AND COMMERCE**

Consumer Protection (Control of Sales During Limited Supply) Ordinance, 2020

Employees' Compensation Ordinance, 1946

- Employees' Compensation Regulations, 1947
- Employees' Compensation (Prescribed Diseases) Regulations, 1978

Employment Rights Ordinance, 2010

- Employment Rights (Labour Regulating Authority) Regulations, 2013
- Employment Rights (Minimum Wage) Regulations, 2013
- Employment Rights (Leave Entitlement) Regulations, 2015

Enterprise St Helena Ordinance, 1994

Financial Services Ordinance, 2008

- Financial Services Regulations, 2017

Media Standards Ordinance, 2011

- Media Standards Regulations, 2012
- Media Standards Code Of Practice, 2014

Patents (Registration) Ordinance, 1927

- Patents (Registration Fees) Regulations, 2022
- Patents (General Fees) Rules, 2022

Price Control Ordinance, 1957

Public Holidays Ordinance, 1945

Race Relations Ordinance, 1997

Trade Marks (Registration) Ordinance, 1949

- Trade Marks (Registration) Rules, 1949

Trade Unions and Trade Disputes Ordinance, 1959

- Trade Unions Regulations, 1959

United Kingdom Designs (Protection) Ordinance, 1930

Weights and Measures Ordinance, 1905

- Weights And Measures (Fees) Regulations, 1997

## **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Agriculture and Livestock Improvement Ordinance, 1940

- Phormium (Crop Protection And Soil Conservation) Rules, 1947
- Donkey Registration Rules, 1972

- Land Usage And Protection Rules, 1974
- Noxious Weeds Rules, 1974
- Rodent Control And Destruction Rules, 1988
- Livestock Improvement Rules, 1994

Animals (Diseases) Ordinance, 1944

- Animals (Diseases) Regulations, 1950

Bees Ordinance, 1995

- Bees Regulations, 2013

Birds Protection Ordinance, 1996

Conservation and Management of Fisheries Resources Ordinance, 2003 (*Repealed*)

Dogs and Cats Ordinance, 2011

- Dogs and Cats Regulations, 2012

Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2016

- Spear Guns Control Order, 2014 (see Spear Guns Control Ordinance, 2014)
- Management Plan for a Marine Protected Area, 2016 (not included)

Fish and Fish Products Ordinance, 2010

- Fish and Fish Products Regulations, 2011

Fisheries Ordinance, 2021

Fishery Limits Ordinance, 1977 (*Repealed*)

- Fishery Limits (Licensing of Fishing) Order, 1978

Forestry Ordinance, 1954

- Constitution of Forests Orders – *Omitted*
- Controlled Areas Declaration Orders – *Omitted*

High Seas Fishing Ordinance, 2001

National Parks Ordinance, 2003

Plants Protection Ordinance, 1938

- Lilies Diseases Order, 1951
- Plants (Importation) Regulations, 2013

Protection of Animals Ordinance, 1969

Spear Guns Control Ordinance, 2014 (*Repealed*)

- Spear Guns Control Order, 2014

St Helena Fisheries Corporation Ordinance, 1979

Termites Ordinance, 1957

## **FAMILY, EDUCATION AND WELFARE**

Births and Deaths (Registration) Ordinance, 1853

- Births and Deaths (Fees) Order, 2013

Domestic Abuse Ordinance, 2017

- Courts (Protection Orders) Rules, 2018

Education Ordinance, 2008

- Education (School Attendance) Regulations, 2009 (*Revoked*)
- Education (School Attendance) Regulations, 2025

Marriage Ordinance, 1851

- Marriage (Fees) Order, 2013
- Marriage Regulations, 2018

Matrimonial Causes Ordinance, 1961

- Matrimonial Causes Rules, 1973

Social Security Ordinance, 2010

- Social Security Regulations, 2011

Welfare of Children Ordinance, 2008

- Welfare of Children Regulations, 2010
- Courts (Welfare of Children)(Forms) Rules, 2010
- Welfare of Children (Adoption) Regulations, 2015
- Welfare of Children (Official Foster Care) Regulations, 2017
- Welfare of Children (Children's Residential Home) Regulations, 2018

## **INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Communications Ordinance, 2022 (**Not in force yet**)

Electricity Ordinance, 1961

- Electricity Regulations, 1995
- Electricity (Tariffs) Regulations, 2012

Highways Ordinance, 1881

Motor Vehicles (Third Party Insurance) Ordinance, 1962

Petroleum Ordinance, 1966

- Petroleum Regulations, 1978

Post Office Ordinance, 1898

- Postage and Revenue Stamps (Invalidation) Order, 2008
- Post Office (Rates of Charge) Order, 2013

Road Traffic Ordinance, 1985

Road Traffic Ordinance, 2016<sup>6</sup>

Telecommunications Ordinance, 1989

- Wireless Telegraphy Regulations, 1989
  - Telecommunications Fees Regulations, 1990
- Not included are exemptions granted under section 3*

Utility Services Ordinance, 2013

*Not included are Directives for Maximum Electricity and Water Tariffs*

Water Ordinance, 1978

- Water Regulations, 1982
- Water (Tariffs) Regulations, 2012

## **LAND OWNERSHIP AND USE**

Animal Trespass Ordinance, 1982

Building Control Ordinance, 2013

- Land Planning and Development Control Regulations, 2000

Burial Grounds Ordinance, 1895

- New Cemetery Rules, 1953
- Liberated African Cemetery Rules, 2022

French Government Lands (Vesting) Ordinance, 1858

Land Acquisition Ordinance, 2006

- Land Acquisition (Interest Rate) Regulations, 2006

Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance, 2013

- Land Planning and Development Control (General) Regulations, 2013
  - Land Planning and Development Control (Authority Procedures) Regulations, 2013
  - Land Planning and Development Control (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations, 2013
  - Land Planning and Development Control (Appeal) Regulations, 2013
  - Land Planning And Development Control (Forms and Fees) Regulations, 2013
  - Land Planning And Development Control (General Development) Order, 2013
  - Land Planning And Development Control (Development Plans) Regulations, 2013
- Not included:*
- Interim Tree Preservation Order, 2015

Minerals Vesting Ordinance, 1951

Mining Ordinance, 1923

- Prospecting Regulations, 1927

Pasturage (Government Lands) Ordinance, 1938

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<sup>6</sup> Not in force at 1 November 2017; will replace RTO 1985 when in force

- Pasturage (Government Lands) Regulations, 1966

Registered Land Ordinance, 1980

- Registered Land Rules, 1981
- Registered Land (Appeals) Rules, 1989

## **MARITIME AND AVIATION LAWS<sup>7</sup>**

Airport Development Ordinance 2006

- Airport Development Area Order, 2008

Aviation Ordinance 2015

- Aerodrome Regulations, 2015
- Aerodrome Charges Regulations, 2015  
(*Issued under the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013 (UK)*)
- Civil Aviation (Investigation of Air Accidents and Incidents) Regulations, 2019  
(*Issued under section 75 of the Civil Aviation Act 1982 (UK)*)
- Notice made by the Governor pursuant to Articles 4, 5, 7 and 74  
of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013

Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 2021

- Merchant Shipping (Safety and Health) (Load Lines) Regulations, 2021
- Merchant Shipping (Safety of Navigation) Regulations, 2021
- Merchant Shipping (Accident Reporting and Investigation) Regulations, 2021
- Merchant Shipping (Safety of Life at Sea) Regulations, 2021

See also

- Merchant Shipping Orders (UK)
- Merchant Shipping (Oil Pollution) Acts (UK)

Ports Ordinance, 2016

Port and Aerodrome (Health) Ordinance, 2018

- Infection or Contamination Evidence Regulations, 2020

## **PUBLIC FINANCE AND REVENUE LAW**

Currency Ordinance, 1975

- Currency Regulations, 1976

Customs and Excise Ordinance, 1999

- Customs (Export And Import Control) Regulations, 1988
- Customs (Entry Forms) Regulations, 1999
- Customs (Drawback On Goods For Use On Her Majesty's Ships) Regulations, 1999
- Customs (Miscellaneous Fees) Regulations, 2006
- Customs (Tariffs And Exemptions) Regulations, 2011
- Customs (Designation Of Customs Areas) Regulations, 2014
- Excise (Tariffs) Regulations, 2014
- Customs And Excise (Arriving And Departing Ships And Aircraft) Regulations, 2016

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<sup>7</sup> See also the list of UK Laws applied to St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

- Customs and Excise (Approved Investment) Regulations, 2019

*Included are:*

- Orders made under the Customs (Tariffs and Exemptions) Regulations, 2011:
  - Customs Duty (Commercial Fishing) Exemption Order, 2014
  - Customs Duty (Commercial Fishing) Exemption Order, 2016
  - Customs Duty (Diesel Fuel) Exemption Order, 2022

Income Tax Ordinance, 2012

- Income Tax Regulations, 2012
- Extra-Statutory Concession (Approved Pension Schemes), 2012
- Extra-Statutory Concession (Charities), 2014
- Extra-Statutory Concession (Food Production), 2014

*Included are the following made under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2009:*

- Extra-Statutory Concession (Charities), 2011
- Extra-Statutory Concession (Child Savings Bonds), 2011
- Extra-Statutory Concession (Food Production), 2011
- Extra-Statutory Concession (Gratuities), 2011

Light Dues Ordinance, 1955

- Light Dues Order, 2008

Liquor Duty Ordinance, 2014

- Liquor Duty Regulations, 2014

Public Accounts Committee (Procedure) Ordinance, 2019

Public Finance Ordinance, 2010

- Special Account (IT Trading Account) Order, 2011
- Special Account (Transport Trading Account) Order, 2011
- Special Account (Unallocated Stores) Order, 2011
- Special Account (DFID Infrastructure Projects) Order, 2011
- Special Account (EDF Projects) Order, 2011
- Special Account (UNDP) Order, 2011
- Special Account (Short Term Technical Cooperation) Order, 2011
- Special Account (DFID Projects) Order, 2011
- Special Account (Technical Cooperation) Order, 2011
- Special Fund (Housing Service Trading Account) Order, 2013
- Special Fund (St Helena Audit Service Trading Account) Order, 2013
- Special Fund (New Generator Replacement Fund)(Winding Up) Order, 2013
- Special Fund (Environmental Management Projects) Order, 2014
- Special Fund (Bulk Fuel Installation Trading Account) Order, 2016
- Special Fund (St Helena Airport Trading Account) Order, 2018
- Special Funds (Winding Up) Order, 2019
- Special Fund (FCO Projects) Order, 2019
- Special Fund (Internal Audit Service Trading Account) Order 2019

Services Tax Ordinance, 2011

Special Funds Ordinance, 2012

Stamp Duties Ordinance, 1987

- Stamp Duties Rules, 1987

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Control of Tobacco and Related Products Ordinance, 2020 (*Not in force yet*)

Dentists Ordinance, 1955

- Dental Nurses Regulations, 1955
- Dentists (Qualification) Regulations, 2009

Food Safety Ordinance, 2016

- Food Safety (Products of Animal Origin) Regulations, 2017
- Food Safety (General Food Hygiene) Regulations, 2017
- Food Safety (Procedures and Fees) Regulations, 2017

Health and Safety Ordinance, 1977

- Health and Safety Regulations, 1977

Ionising Radiations (Protection) Ordinance, 1966

Medical Practitioners Ordinance, 1910

- Medical Practitioners Regulations, 1951
- Medical Practitioners (Qualifications) Regulations, 2009

Mental Health and Mental Capacity Ordinance, 2015

- Courts (Mental Capacity and Appointment of Deputies) Rules, 2016
- Mental Health & Mental Capacity (Lasting Power of Attorney) Regulations, 2017

Nurses and Midwives Ordinance, 1987

- Nurses and Midwives Regulations, 1988

Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1937

- Poisons Lists Order, 1937
- Pharmacy & Poisons (Forms and Fees) Rules, 1937
- Pharmacists (Qualifications) Regulations 2018

Public Health Ordinance, 1939

- Poliomyelitis Regulations, 1955
- Infectious Diseases Order, 2009
- Public Health (Prevention of Formidable Diseases)(Coronavirus No. 2) Regulations, 2020

Tobacco Control Ordinance, 2011

- Tobacco Control (Smoke-Free Exemption) Order, 2012

Vaccination Ordinance, 1854

## **RECREATION AND TOURISM**

Community Centres Ordinance, 1988

Gaming Machines Ordinance, 1984

Liquor Ordinance, 1988

- Liquor Regulations, 1988

Protection of Wrecks and Marine Archaeological Heritage Ordinance, 2014

Public Recreation Grounds Ordinance, 1938

- Public Recreation Ground Orders
- Public Recreation Grounds (Closing) Regulations, 1954
- Public Recreation Grounds (Management And Control) Regulations, 1999

St Helena National Trust Ordinance, 2001

- St Helena National Trust Regulations, 2002

## **SECURITY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT**

British Nationality and Passports (Fees & Offences) Ordinance, 2017

- British Nationality (Fees) Order, 1991

Consular Conventions Ordinance, 1950

Consular Relations Ordinance, 1972

- Consular Relations (Merchant Shipping) Orders

Emergency Powers Ordinance, 1978<sup>8</sup>

- Emergency Powers Order in Council, 2017

Fire Service Ordinance, 1985

- Colonial Fire Brigades Long Service Medal Regulations, 1973

Immigration Ordinance, 2011

- Asylum Rules, 2012
- Immigration Regulations, 2012
- Waiver of Fees (Passengers and Crew of Yachts), 2012
- Immigration (Landholding) Regulations, 2012
- Immigration (Visa Requirement) Order, 2016
- Immigration (Prohibited and Controlled Entry) Regulations, 2020

Police Service Ordinance, 1975

- Police (Discipline) Regulations, 1976
- Police Regulations, 2000

*Included are:*

- Colonial Special Constabulary Medal Regulations, 1957
- Colonial Police Long Service Medal Regulations, 1973

Prisons Ordinance, 1960

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<sup>8</sup> Includes the text of the Emergency Powers (Overseas Territories) Order, 2017 (SI 2017/181)

- Prisons Rules, 1999

*Included are:*

- Colonial Prisoners Removal Order in Council, 1907 (UK)
  - Colonial Prison Service Medal Regulations, 1956
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