



## Biosecurity St Helena

### Welcome to St Helena!

**There are strict controls on what you can bring in to St Helena.**

#### **Why do these controls exist?**

As a remote oceanic island, St Helena is very vulnerable to the harmful impacts of introduced pests, weeds and diseases. In order to protect the Island please note the following restrictions on the items you can bring in.

It is against the law to import **honey**. Honey isn't processed and so can carry bee diseases such as American foul brood, as can many other unrefined bee related products and used bee equipment. St Helena has no bee diseases and local bee keepers are trying to develop honey production.

**Fresh fruit, plants and uncertified seeds** can carry diseases and pests which could affect our crops or native plants. Because of this you need a **licence** to bring in fresh fruit and vegetables, and plants. Only seeds commercially produced and in sealed unopened packets are allowed (seeds collected from the garden are prohibited).

**Foods, such as muesli, nuts, herbs and spices**, can be brought in as long as they are from a commercial source (such as a supermarket) and in unopened packets.

In addition, **boots and hiking or camping equipment** can bring in weed seeds, insects or spiders which can damage the islands agriculture or native plants and animals, so please make sure that they are clean, or declare them to Biosecurity.

All goods and personal effects entering St Helena are **inspected** by Customs and Biosecurity on arrival using a combination of x-ray machines and visual checks. If you have brought in prohibited goods you must hand them in, or place them in the quarantine bin on arrival. Please note that once goods are landed they are subject to biosecurity controls.

#### **If in doubt, declare it.**

This leaflet gives examples of the commoner restricted goods. For further information about bringing or sending items to St Helena or if you have any questions please contact [julie.balchin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:julie.balchin@sainthelena.gov.sh) or [Nicholas.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Nicholas.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Thank you for helping to protect St Helena Island**

**We wish you a pleasant stay**

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