

## IMPORT GUIDELINES FOR PLANT AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS

- Introduction of certain pests and diseases could have devastating consequences in the agricultural sector and also for the wider environment.
- The Falkland Islands are currently relatively free of many major pests and diseases. However it is important that we maintain this status quo.
- For this reason, procedures are in place for the importation of high-risk products.
- The Department of Agriculture would like to remind people to be aware of the implications of bringing unwanted pests and diseases into the Islands.

<b>Groups of products (with examples of each) that can bring in unwanted pests, diseases and weeds</b>	
<b>PLANTS</b>	Shrubs / Flowers / Rooted Cuttings / Strawberry runners / Fruit bushes / Cuttings / Bulbs
<b>VEGETABLES</b>	Carrots / Onions / Peppers / Leeks / Potatoes / Cabbage
<b>FRUIT</b>	Strawberries / Oranges / Apples / Bananas / Pears / Grapes / Plums
<b>SOIL</b>	Dirty footwear / Un-scrubbed potatoes / Plants with soil on the roots / Untreated compost
<b>MEAT</b>	Beef / Lamb / Pork / Bacon
<b>MEAT PRODUCTS</b>	Burgers / Pâte / Bacon / Salami / Sausage / Black Pudding
<b>POULTRY</b>	Chicken / Turkey
<b>DAIRY PRODUCTS</b>	Milk / Cheese / Cream / Yoghurts
<b>SEED *</b>	Seed that is not from a reputable commercial source
<b>ANIMAL FEED *</b>	Oats / Barley / Hay / Straw / Concentrates
<b>EGGS</b>	Unclean / Unknown source
<b>VEHICLES *</b>	Second hand vehicles and agricultural machinery
<b>WOODEN PRODUCTS *</b>	Those containing bark

Please note: Only a few product examples within each type of grouping have been listed. Due to the huge range of products it is impossible to list all. If you are in any doubt please ask.

*Products within the groups marked with an asterisk may be imported without any documentation. However, they are subject to inspection prior to their release. Any item/s considered a threat with regards to the importation of pests/diseases or invasive plant species will be confiscated.*

### IMPORT PROCEDURES FOR MEAT/MEAT PRODUCTS, MILK/MILK PRODUCTS, EGGS, PLANTS, FRUIT & VEGETABLES

#### IMPORTATION OF NON EUROPEAN UNION COUNTRY PRODUCTS

##### 1 Import Permit

- An Import Permit **must** be obtained to import fruit, vegetables, plant material, meat, poultry, meat & poultry products, milk & milk products.
- Apply for an Import Permit from the Department of Agriculture via the Mineral Resources Department when you place the order with your overseas supplier.
- **Annual Import Permits** – Valid for one year from date of issue. Must notify the Department of Agriculture of goods intended to be imported at least 72 hours prior to their arrival.
- **Single Import Permits** – Valid for one single consignment only.
- A fee is charged per import permit issued. Annual = £100 / Single = £12 / Personal = £3.
- Cheques payable to the “Falkland Islands Government”.
- Payment to be made on collection of the Import Permit unless alternative arrangements have been made.

##### 2 Certificates

- To import fruit / vegetables / plants / plant material, a Phytosanitary certificate **must** be obtained from the supplier.
- To import milk / milk products / eggs, a Zoosanitary/Health certificate **must** be obtained from the supplier

- To import any meat / poultry / meat products / poultry products, a Health/Veterinary certificate **must** be obtained from the supplier. These certificates must state that the product is from an EU approved abattoir.
- Any import not having the appropriate documentation will be immediately confiscated pending possible destruction at cost to the Importer.
- Original certificates **must** travel with the goods and be presented to the Biosecurity Officer on arrival. Copies **only accepted** under exceptional circumstances.

### 3 On Arrival of Goods

#### AIR

- Relevant documentation to be presented to Customs Officers.
- Customs Officers will inspect the goods prior to release

#### SEA

- Importer to collect the relevant original certification for goods from shipping agent.
- Importer to proceed to the Department of Agriculture and present to the Biosecurity Officer the ORIGINAL certificates for their consignment of goods. A "CLEARANCE" certificate will be issued to the Importer for the Customs Department.
- Importer to present this "CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE" to the Customs Department to obtain their "GOODS RELEASE" certificate.
- As there is a requirement for the goods to be inspected by the Biosecurity Officer before being released, the "GOODS RELEASE" certificate will be clearly marked with: "**SUBJECT TO INSPECTION BY THE DoA**".
- On completion of the inspection, the shipping agent will be notified. The shipping agent will then notify the Importer that the goods are ready for collection. The Importer may then proceed to the docks to pick up their goods.
- **IMPORTER:** Please do **not proceed** to docks prior to notification by shipping agent that goods are ready for collection

#### IMPORTATION OF EU/NON UK PRODUCTS

**Plant Material** – as above

**Milk & Dairy Products** – In original packaging / Packaging is sealed / Clearly labelled with EU symbol

**Meat & Meat Products** – EU Veterinary Health Certification / In original packaging / Packaging is sealed / Clearly labelled with EU symbol

#### IMPORTATION OF UK PRODUCTS

**Plant Material** – as above

**Milk & Dairy Products** – as above

**Meat & Meat Products** – In original packaging / Packaging is sealed / Clearly labelled with EU symbol

#### IMPORTATION OF FOOD PRODUCTS FOR PERSONAL CONSUMPTION

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| <b>PRODUCTS<br/>MUST BE</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In original packaging</li> <li>• Packaging is sealed</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum quantity is 5kg</li> <li>• Clearly labelled with EU symbol</li> </ul> |
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