



**Ascension Island Government  
Conservation and Fisheries Directorate**

**BIOSECURITY**

**Guidelines for importers of Timber**

These guidelines accompany the Import Health Standard for the Importation of TIMBER into Ascension Island.

Timber products that appear clean may harbour pests which are very difficult to detect in their egg or larval stage. They therefore pose a biosecurity risk which these standards are designed to minimise.

- You **do not** require an import licence to import timber into Ascension.
- However, all consignments must meet specified import health standards.
- Timber should be treated as stated in the import health standard, as close to the shipping day as possible.
- Any packaging with the consignment must be clean and new.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the supplier or packer has a copy of the import health standard and understands that consignments of timber must meet these conditions.
- It is your responsibility to ensure the consignments are free of live insects, seeds and other contaminants prior to arrival in Ascension.
- On arrival the consignment may be inspected by a Biosecurity Officer.
- If the consignment does not meet the requirements of the import health standard, it may either be reconsigned or destroyed at the importer's expense.
- Further information can be obtained from:

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