



**Ascension Island Government
Conservation and Fisheries Directorate**

BIOSECURITY

Guidelines for importers of fresh produce

These guidelines accompany the Import Health Standard for the importation of FRESH PRODUCE into Ascension Island.

Fresh produce imported for human or animal consumption can harbour pests and diseases which could affect beneficial plants or Ascension endemic species. These standards are designed to minimise both of these risks.

- Not all fresh fruit require a licence to import prior to entry into Ascension. Refer to the import health standard to find out which do not require a licence.
- The import standards defined on the licence will depend on the type of produce (species of plant) and the country of origin.
- All consignments of fresh produce must meet the specified import health standards.
- A phytosanitary certificate or equivalent document is required for all consignments over 50kg and must be from a recognised authority in the country of origin. This applies both to produce originating in one country and imported directly as well as to produce originating in another country and being re-exported to Ascension.
- All consignments of 50kg or more from South Africa must be additionally accompanied by an Export Inspection Certificate issued by the official body, the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB), certifying that the produce is of export quality.
- All imports under 50kg must be clearly labelled and free from live invertebrates, other plant material and soil or other growing medium.
- Treatment for fruit fly larvae is required for peaches, nectarines and mangoes. A treatment certificate must be provided.
- It is your responsibility to make sure the supplier or packer has a copy of the import health standard and that fresh produce meets these conditions.
- On arrival the consignment may be inspected by a Biosecurity officer.
- Badly contaminated items may be re-consigned or destroyed, at the importer's expense.
- Further information can be obtained from:

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