



**BIOSECURITY**

# **Import Health Standard for the importation of VEHICLES, MACHINERY AND TYRES into Ascension Island**

Issued under section 9 of the Biosecurity Ordinance, 2020

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## **GUIDE FOR USERS**

The information contained in this Import Health Standard is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of three parts.

**PART A: General Information:** contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for this Import Health Standard and the general responsibilities of importers.

**PART B: Specification:** this section is the statutory biosecurity import specification issued under section 9 of Biosecurity Ordinance, 2020. It sets out the requirements that need to be met in order lawfully to import the relevant goods into Ascension.

**PART C: Clearance Procedure:** describes the process that applies when a consignment is imported into Ascension and what may happen if biosecurity import clearance is refused.

## **Part A: General Information**

### **1. Import Health Standard and Importer's Responsibility**

- 1.1 A consignment which contains a controlled import must be granted biosecurity import clearance on arrival in Ascension in order to be imported. Obtaining biosecurity import clearance is dependent upon the biosecurity risk posed by the consignment on arrival in Ascension. A consignment which meets the requirements of this Import Health Standard is likely to pose an acceptable biosecurity risk and therefore to be granted biosecurity import clearance.
- 1.2 It is the importer's responsibility to ensure the consignment is compliant with the current version of this Import Health Standard at the time of importation into Ascension. Any person who imports or attempts to import an article which does not comply with an import health standard that applies to it commits an offence and may be prosecuted and fined.

### **2. Review of Import Health Standard**

- 2.1 The Import Health Standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes to the risk posed to Ascension by the importation of composts or peat. This may happen without notice, but notice will be given to affected importers where possible.

### **3. Definition of Terms**

#### **3.1 Biosecurity Officer**

A Biosecurity Officer appointed under section 3 of the Biosecurity Ordinance, 2020.

#### **3.2 Biosecurity import clearance**

Clearance given under section 15 of the Biosecurity Ordinance, 2020 which, once given, means that the goods are cleared for importation without further restrictions.

#### **3.3 Controlled imports**

Goods regulated under the Biosecurity Ordinance, 2020, the details of which are set out in the Biosecurity (Prohibited and Controlled Imports) Regulations, 2020.

### **4. Biosecurity Import Exemptions**

- 4.1 The controlled imports to which this Import Health Standard relates must meet the requirements set out in Part B in every respect. If it is not possible for the products to comply with the requirements, an application for an exemption under section 7 of the Biosecurity Ordinance, 2020 must be submitted to the Biosecurity Officer for consideration prior to importation. The application must be made at the earliest possible opportunity and must set out which requirement cannot be met and what measures of an equivalent nature have been taken to compensate.

### **5. Official Point of Contact**

- 5.1 The official point of contact for this Import Health Standard is:

Biosecurity Officer  
Ascension Island Conservation and Fisheries Directorate  
Georgetown  
Ascension Island  
ASCN 1ZZ  
Tel/Fax: 00 247 66359  
Email: [biosecurity@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:biosecurity@ascension.gov.ac)

## 6. Fees and Costs

- 6.1 All fees and costs involved with documentation, transport, storage, treatment and obtaining biosecurity import clearance (including compliance with this Import Health Standard) shall be borne by the importer or agent

## Part B: Importation Procedure

### 7. Import licensing

- 7.1 Importations into Ascension of all vehicles, machinery and tyres listed at Section 8.1.1 to 8.1.3 which meet the requirements of this health standard **DO NOT** require a biosecurity import licence.

### 8. Application

- 8.1 This Import Health Standard covers the importation into Ascension of the following vehicles, machinery and tyres:

8.1.1 **Vehicle**, new or used: a conveyance that is used to transport people, objects or substances, including:

- motorised vehicles such as buses, cars, motor cycles, scooters, quad bikes, trucks, utility vehicles, vans, motor homes, motorised bicycles, boats, forklifts, forestry and agricultural and on-site construction vehicles (eg tractors, harvesters, rotavators, etc);
- non-motorised and/or self-propelled vehicles such as trailers, caravans, and vessels.

But excludes:

- non-motorised bicycles
- non-road domestic vehicles not requiring registration from Ascension transport, such as wheelchairs, mobility devices, etc.

8.1.2 **Machinery**: mechanical devices that transmit or modify energy to perform or assist in the performance of human tasks, whether self-propelled, drawn, pushed or fixed in position, including:

- Forestry, agricultural and horticultural equipment, such as logging equipment, portable sawmills, balers, ploughs, tedders, rollers, discers, pesticide sprayers and cranes.
- Construction, building, and production equipment, such as concrete mixers, elevators, escalators, generators, and road construction and earth moving equipment such as JCBs, excavators, bulldozers, etc.
- Components of vehicles/machinery, such as engines, chassis, suspension units and tyres.

- Used research and diagnostic equipment, such as centrifuges, biohazard cabinets, air processing and extraction equipment, and fumehoods.
- Equipment used to house and/or process plants and plant products.

8.1.3 **Tyres** new, used or retreads, of all sizes.

## 9. Import Requirements

- 9.1 All vehicles, machinery and tyres to which this Import Health Standard applies must be cleaned, both internally and externally before arrival in Ascension. It is the importer's responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure each consignment is **clean and free of all visible contamination**, including live insects, seeds, soil, mud, clay, animal faeces, animal material, plant material such as straw, twigs, leaves, roots, bark, food refuse and other debris on arrival in Ascension.
- 9.2 Vehicles, machinery and equipment must conform to the version of the International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures ISPM No. 41: International movement of used vehicles, machinery and equipment that is in force on the date the goods leave the country of export.
- 9.3 **All tyres** must be free of water and watermarks, live insects, soil and other visible contamination.
- 9.4 **Tyres on the rim** must be inflated, to prevent the formation of a crack between the rim and the tyre which can harbour soil and invertebrates.
- 9.5 Any packaging used with the consignment must be clean, preferably new.

## Part C. Clearance Procedure

- 10 A Biosecurity Officer may, on or before the arrival of a consignment at the port of arrival, declare that the consignment is subject to biosecurity import control. Consignments that are subject to biosecurity import control may be inspected, including the taking of samples and the carrying out of tests where necessary, to ensure that the biosecurity risk posed by the consignment is acceptable.
- 11 Any consignment that meets the import requirements set out in section **Error! Reference source not found.** is likely to pose an acceptable biosecurity risk and therefore be given biosecurity import clearance.
- 12 In the event that the inspection detects any biosecurity issues with the consignment, the Biosecurity Officer will take steps to remedy those issues where possible (for example, by applying treatments) so that clearance can be granted.
- 13 A consignment found to be badly contaminated may be refused entry to Ascension.

**Part D. Amendment Record – Import Health Standard for Vehicles, Machinery and Tyres.**

Amendments to this Standard will be given a consecutive number and will be dated in the body of the table. Brief details of the amended pages will be included.

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