Import protocol - Freight

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Introduction

This protocol covers the general process for freight coming into the Islands.

Ordinary Freight

Generally received via:

- MOD flight or LATAM flight (via AIR)
- FIRS (MOD) vessel or SAAS vessel (the Scout) (via SEA)

Occasionally received via:

- Tourism boats
- Fishing vessels
- BAS vessels
- Fishery Protection vessels
- Personal imports
- Oil charter flights/boats

Consolidated Freight

Generally received via:

• FIRS (MOD) vessel or SAAS vessel (the Scout) (via SEA)

Companies providing a consolidation service:

- SAAS
- Richard James International
- SATLAN
- Stanley Services Ltd.
- Leisure Ideas
- Saddle Direct

Pre-Arrival

All biosecurity activities will be carried out by a Biosecurity Officer.

Importers bringing in any restricted goods (i.e. those that require a licence) must apply for a Single Import Permit, or be in possession of an Annual Import Permit. See ..\.\04 Import Permits\03 Protocol\Issusing Import Permits protocol V 1.0 ISSUED.pdf.

Importers holding an Annual Import Permit must submit a Notification of Arrival (NOA) to the Biosecurity Officer at least three working days prior to arrival of the goods. NOAs can be submitted by emailing either

biosecurity@doa.gov.fk or imports@doa.gov.fk , by handing in a hard copy or by fax. See also <u>..\..\01 Imports</u> <u>Archive\00 Protocol\Import paperwork protocol V 1.0 ISSUED.pdf</u>.

For freight on the MOD and LATAM flights (usually fresh produce), paperwork should be received prior to the plane arriving.

Manifests are received for the SAAS and FIRS vessels.

- Manifests should be received prior to arrival of the vessel. If not, check with the shipping agent and/or Customs
- For small and non-cargo vessels, there is usually no cargo, so no manifest
- Biosecurity Officer should screen the manifests received for high risk cargo
- Instructions and clearance will be sent out by Biosecurity Officer once manifest has been screened.
- See also ..\..\01 Imports Archive\00 Protocol\Import paperwork protocol V 1.0 ISSUED.pdf

Manifests are not received for MOD or LATAM flights at present.

On arrival

Inspections will be carried out on as many high risk cargoes as is possible for each voyage/flight.

Spot checks can be carried out (often with Customs) on random cargoes.

Any cargoes that do not comply with the import permit or Import Health Standards may be treated on arrival by the Biosecurity Officer, or confiscated and destroyed.

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