

Biosecurity & Imports

The Falkland Islands are free from many of the pests and diseases which effect plants and animals in other parts of the world. However, the relatively pristine environment and unique wildlife is vulnerable to the introduction of invasive species, pests and diseases.

Imported goods may carry such organisms and pose a threat not only to the environment but also the economy through negative effects on agriculture, tourism and fisheries.

This guide is designed to give you more information on the classifications of imported goods. For more information or to apply for an import permit contact the biosecurity officer at the Department of Agriculture.

To protect the Falkland Islands imports are regulated and fall into three categories;

PROHIBITED - These items will not be allowed entry into the Falkland Islands.

RESTRICTED - These items must satisfy certain criteria before they may enter the country.

ALLOWED - These items are low-risk, you can import them without restriction.

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FALKLAND ISLANDS BIOSECURITY

PROTECTING OUR HOME, ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY



Importing Goods



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Personal Imports

Certain fruits, meats and dairy produce may be carried to the Falklands as a Personal Import without the need of an import permit or sanitary certificate. This allows each passenger to carry a maximum of 5kg of goods providing certain conditions are met.

Personal Imports must be declared to Customs on arrival and are subject to an inspection.

Fruit

- Only the fruits listed below may be imported under Personal Imports and must be purchased from either the United Kingdom or Chile.
- They must be commercially packaged (or labelled), be free of soil, insects and other organic matter.
- Acompanied by a proof of purchase (receipt) showing the name of the supplier, date of purchase, item & quantity of units.

Permitted Fruits -Apples, Apricot, Avocado Pear, Bananas, Bergamota, Cherry, Clementine, Coconuts, Figs, Grapes, Grapefruit, Guavas, Kiwifruit, Lemon, Lime, Lychee, Mandarin, Mangos, Nectarine, Orange, Papaya, Peach, Pears, Pineapples, Plum, Satsuma, Tangerine.

Meat, Eggs & Dairy Products

- Meat, eggs and dairy products must be sourced from within the European Union.
- Meat and meat products must be in the original sealed packaging and bear the EU symbol.
- Milk and milk products must be clearly labelled as UHT.
- Eggs must bear the British Lion mark on the shell, be free of all faecal and other organic material and must not exceed 12 per person.



PROHIBITED	
Plants, animals or other biological material injurious to the health or well being of people, animals or plants of the Falkland Islands.	
RESTRICTED - REQUIRING IMPORT PERMIT	
ANIMALS	Live animals can only enter the Falkland Islands under under Import License and accompanied by veterinary health certification—contact the Veterinary Service.
MEAT & MEAT PRODUCTS	Meat (fresh or frozen) and products containing meat require a Food Of Animal Origin (FOAO) Import Permit and must be accompanied by zoosanitary certificate OR see PERSONAL IMPORTS .
DAIRY PRODUCTS	Dairy products (except some UHT products see below) require FOAO Import Permit and must be accompanied by zoosanitary certification OR see PERSONAL IMPORTS .
EGGS	Eggs require a FOAO Import Permit and must be accompanied by zoosanitary certification OR see PERSONAL IMPORTS .
PLANT MATERIAL FRUIT & VEGETABLES	ALL plant material require a Plant Import Permit and must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate OR see PERSONAL IMPORTS .
PRODUCTS OF BIOLOGICAL ORIGIN	Unprocessed products of biological origin may require an Import Permit and be accompanied by relevant certification. Feathers, skins, leathers, wool, bone, embryos, semen, veterinary products - check with the DoA.
RESTRICTED - NOT REQUIRING IMPORT PERMIT	
SHEARING EQUIPMENT	Used shearing equipment including clothing & footwear. Must be free from organic matter.
AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT	Used agricultural equipment including clothing & footwear. Must be free from organic matter.
OUTDOOR SPORTS EQUIPMENT	Used outdoor sports equipment. Fishing & camping gear, golf clubs, hiking poles etc. Must be free of organic matter.
PLANT SEEDS	Seeds must be in commercial packaging, clearly labelled with species and quantity. Some species of plant (eg. Japanese Knotweed) are prohibited.
ALLOWED	
PROCESSED MEATS & MEAT PRODUCTS	Tinned or Highly processed cooked meats or meat products. Must be in sealed packaging, detailing type of product, processing method, manufacturer and country of origin. Tinned meats and ready made meals.
UHT DAIRY PRODUCTS	UHT milk and UHT yoghurts of any origin. Must be in sealed packaging, detailing type of product and clearly marked UHT.
PROCESSED DAIRY PRODUCTS	Highly processed or cooked dairy products and foodstuffs containing such. Dried milk powder, puddings, baby foods.
PROCESSED FRUIT VEGETABLES	Processed plant material. Must be in sealed packaging, detailing type of product, processing method, manufacturer and country of origin. Fresh and dried fruits & vegetables, dried herbs & spices, rice, nuts and canned products.
FISH & FISH PRODUCTS	Fish and fish products, fresh, frozen or processed.