



The Falkland Islands Government

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EXPORT GUIDELINES

This document lays out the export restrictions for lawfully obtained geological and biological items from the Falkland Islands.

Any passengers travelling through Chile will need to pass through Customs checkpoints. There are strict biosecurity rules governing imports that may mean items containing biological material (including but not limited to shells, soil, plant material and sand) can be confiscated on arrival.

The Department of Natural Resources (Agriculture & Fisheries) can issue phytosanitary certificates for plant samples, required for import permits on arrival in other countries; a minimum of 10 working days is required to process samples before the permit can be granted. The Veterinary Department certifies live animal exports (e.g. pets), with the process taking an absolute minimum of 21 days before departure for requisite vaccinations.

The Falkland Islands Government is a signatory to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Any export of CITES species requires a permit from the Department of Customs & Immigration. These require a minimum of 10 working days to process as they may require equivalent permits from the importing country. There is a financial cost to this process. Visit www.cites.org to see the full list of CITES species.

The Environmental Planning Department issues research permits and through these can give advice on exporting biological samples; a full guidance document is available on their website. Protection of wild birds, animals and plants is ensured under the Wildlife & Conservation Ordinance 1999 and implemented by the Environmental Planning Department. The Falkland Islands Countryside Code states that whalebones, skulls, eggs or other such items may not be exported from the Falkland Islands and may constitute an offence with possible fines up to £3000. For further information please visit www.fig.gov.fk/epd.

Falklands Conservation or the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) may be able to assist visiting researchers with appropriate processes and packaging methods for exporting scientific samples.

The Department of Mineral Resources can issue export permits for scientific or commercial geological samples to prove authenticity of sample origin for the importing country. General rules concerning fossicking can be found under section 25 of the Mining Ordinance 2005 which can be downloaded from www.legislation.gov.fk.

Items not covered above may not be subject to specific legal impediment. However, all materials are subject to maritime and aviation security restrictions and carrier requirements. Items that cannot be scanned may be confiscated. LATAM require any rocks/stones to travel in hold luggage.

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