



**CAYMAN ISLANDS GOVERNMENT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPORTATION AND DISPOSITION OF
A DECEASED BODY OR HUMAN ASH**

1. A signed letter shall be sent by the representatives of the deceased to the Department of Environmental Health (DEH) requesting approval for the importation of a deceased body or human ash from overseas.
2. A copy of the Death Certificate with particulars of the deceased person shall be submitted to the DEH along with a Cremation Certificate if the body was cremated.
3. On receipt of the above, a letter will be faxed or mailed to you for presentation to the relevant authorities on entry of the body or ash into the Cayman Islands.
4. A properly sealed urn, casket or other suitable approved container shall be used for transportation purposes.
5. **The disposal of Human Ash at sea shall be carried out (dispersed) at least three (3) miles from the shoreline of these Islands.**
6. The burial of any deceased body shall only occur in purpose built vaults and designated cemeteries. For burial of bodies at sea, you are referred to the DEH "Guidelines for Burial at Sea."
7. The disposition of any deceased body or human ash, regardless of method (e.g. cemetery, sea) shall not be conducted without a Burial Order issued by the Cayman Islands Registrar of Births and Deaths.
8. The DEH office should be contacted concerning purchase of public cemetery vaults and other burial matters.
9. **N.B. PLEASE DO NOT SEND CASH IN THE MAIL.** There is an Administration Fee of CI\$25.00 or the equivalent of US\$30.49 attached to all local requests. If overseas, an international cashier's cheque of US \$100 payable to the Cayman Islands Govt. Dept. of Environmental Health (purpose: Importation of Human Remains). Due to CI Government Treasury policy, the department cannot accept international bank drafts under US \$100.