

IMPORTATION of REMAINS

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

1. A signed letter requesting permission to import human remains (human ash/ body) in to the Cayman Islands.

Please include the following:-

- The deceased full name
- Place of birth (for statistical purposes only)
- The name of person responsible for remains
- Expected date of arrival of the deceased

All requests should be made at least 48 hours in advance.

2. A copy of the Death Certificate with cause of death (This should specify if death was from a non- communicable or communicable disease).

3. A Cremation Certificate (if body was cremated).

4. A fee of CI\$25 (cash/local check/local bank draft).

Please DO NOT put cash in the mail.

If sending an international bank draft, the fee is US \$100.00. (Due to CI Government treasury policy, the department cannot accept international bank drafts under US \$100).

On receipt of the above, a letter will be mailed/ emailed to you for presentation to the Customs Department upon entry of the body or ash into the Cayman Islands.

Mailing address

Director
Department of Environmental Health
P.O. Box 1820
Grand Cayman
Cayman Islands KY1-1109
Email to dehcustomerservice@gov.ky
Telephone: 1-345-949-6696

For Further Information

Please contact DEH at
The addresses below:

Grand Cayman

Department of Environmental Health
P.O. Box 1820 GT
CI Environmental Centre
Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
KY1-1109
Tel: 345-949-6696

Email: dehcustomerservice@gov.ky

Cayman Brac & Little Cayman

Department of Environmental Health
P.O. Box 212 Stake Bay
Cayman Brac, Cayman Islands
KY2-2101
Tel: 345-948-2321

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GUIDELINES FOR THE IMPORTATION & DISPOSITION OF HUMAN REMAINS



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REQUIREMENTS FOR BURIAL

The Department of Environmental Health (DEH) has established the following guidelines for the burial of human remains & ashes on land and at sea. These guidelines are subject to revision by the DEH without prior notification. Kindly be advised and adhere to the following:

BURIAL ON LAND

Human Body

The burial of any deceased body shall only occur in purpose built vaults and designated cemeteries.

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 Registrar of Births and Deaths.

The DEH office should be contacted concerning purchase of public cemetery vaults and other burial matters.

Human Ashes

A properly sealed urn, casket or other approved container shall be used for transportation purposes.



BURIAL AT SEA

Human Body

Please submit to the DEH a copy of:

- The Death Certificate
- Certificate of non-communicable disease
- The Burial Order, stating the nature of death.

(The burial order must be submitted to the DEH prior to its granting of approval for burial at sea.)

Preparation of Body & Casket

The body must:

- Be prepared by a licensed mortician in a condition necessary for burial at sea.

The casket must:

- Be perforated along the length and width of its exterior,
- Consist of a minimum of twenty-four (24) 7/8 inch diameter (minimum size) holes, (These will allow casket's interior to be rapidly filled with water once it has been lowered into the sea.
- Have a greater number of holes at the foot and head of the casket than along its length.
- Have a locked lid
- Have its exterior bound with suitable material that will prevent the lid from opening during its descent to the sea. (Binding material should not deteriorate within (10-15 years)



BURIAL AT SEA (Contd.)

Preparation of Body & Casket (contd.)

The casket must:

- Consist of a minimum of seventy-five pounds (75 lbs.) of ballast weight placed at the foot of the body.

The Burial Ceremony

The burial ceremony will take place outside the traditional fishing grounds of the Cayman Islands, no closer than five nautical miles (5 mi.) from the shoreline of the Islands and in a depth not less than seven hundred (700) feet.



Human Ashes

Human Ashes at sea shall be (dispersed) at least three (3) nautical miles from the Cayman Islands' shoreline.

For information concerning Burial Orders contact:-

General Registry
P.O. Box 123, Govt. Admin. Bldg.
133 Elgin Avenue, Grand Cayman KY1-9000
CAYMAN ISLANDS
Tel: 345-946-7922 Fax: 345-949-0969
Email: cigenreg@gov.ky