



# Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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## Memorandum

**To:** All Captains, Agents and Reservations  
**From:** Captain Charles Monteiro  
Marine Operations  
**Date:** April 14, 2021  
**Subject:** Policy Regarding Carriage of Hay

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Carriage of Non-Hazardous Hay on Enclosed Passenger Ferries (*M/V Eagle, M/V Island Home, M/V Nantucket and M/V Martha's Vineyard*)

- Hay is to be transported in an a closed cargo transport
- Hay is to be baled
- Hay is to be oil free and certified with a moisture content of not more than 14% moisture\*

Note: Hay that is less than 3 kg in weight is not subject to the Hay Policy.

NFTA Certified (National Forage Testing Association)  
[www.foragetesting.org](http://www.foragetesting.org)

Carriage of Hay on Open Deck Passenger Ferries (*MV Gay Head, MV Governor, MV Katama, MV Sankaty, M/V Woods Hole*)

- Hay is to be transported in a closed or a vehicle covered by tarpaulins
- Hay is to be baled
- Hay is to be oil free and tested by SSA with an internal bale temperature of not more than 130 degrees F

Note: The Steamship Authority is to measure bale temperature at the terminal prior to loading with a certified temperature probe.

  
Captain Charles Monteiro  
Port Captain