

  	<p><b>Government of St Helena</b>  <b>Environment and Natural Resources Directorate</b>  <b>Agriculture and Natural Resources Division</b></p>
	<p><b>Import Health Standard for the</b>  <b>Importation of</b>  <u><b>SPECIFIED BEE PRODUCTS and BEE EQUIPMENT</b></u>  <b>into the Island of St Helena</b></p> <p>Approved by the Economic Development Committee on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2014 for issue in pursuance of the St Helena Bees Ordinance 1995 &amp; Bees Regulations 1996, as amended.</p>

## GUIDE FOR USERS

The information contained in this product import health standard is presented in numerically ordered sections with descriptive titles. Sections are grouped into one of 5 parts.

**Part A. General Information:** contains sections of general interest, including those relating to the legal basis for the ANRD Specified Bee Products and Bee Equipment import health standard and the general responsibilities of each importer for bee products and bee equipment.

**PART B. Importation Procedure:** contains sections which outline the requirements to be met prior to and during importation. Whether a permit to import is required to be obtained prior to importation is noted, as are conditions of eligibility, and general conditions relating to documentation accompanying the consignment, if necessary.

**PART C: Clearance Procedure:** contains sections describing the requirements to be met at the St Helena Island port in Jamestown and what may happen if the consignment does not meet the requirements of this import health standard.

**PART D: Zoosanitary Certification:** contains model health certification which must be completed by the appropriate personnel as indicated in the certification and accompany the consignment to St Helena.

## Part A: General Information

### 1. Import Health Standard and Importer's Responsibility

- 1.1 Pursuant to the Bees Regulations 1996 as amended, (Bees Ordinance) CAP 98 of the Laws of the Island of St Helena, this is the import health standard for the importation of specified bee products and bee equipment into the Island of St Helena.
- 1.2 Obtaining importation clearance for each consignment of specified bee products and bee equipment imported into St Helena is dependent upon the consignment meeting the requirements of this import health standard.
- 1.3 The following are prohibited and are therefore not included in the import health standard:
  - 1.3.1 **Honey**, (which includes all types of honey, fruits and nuts preserved in honey and honey products where the honey ingredients make up 15% or more of the product by weight or volume);
  - 1.3.2 **Bees**;
  - 1.3.3 **Combs**;
  - 1.3.4 **Wax foundation** (a patterned sheet of wax that is given to the bees as a guide for the construction of their combs);
  - 1.3.5 **Unrefined beeswax** in any form;
  - 1.3.6 **Anything which has or may have been exposed to infection** with any disease listed in Schedule 2 of the Bees Regulations. This may include used bee equipment.
- 1.4 It is the importer or agent's responsibility to ensure they are compliant with the current version of the Specified Bee Products and Bee Equipment health standard at the time of importation of specified bee products or bee equipment into St Helena.
- 1.5 Where it is known to the importer or agent that a consignment of bee products or equipment will not arrive on the ship voyage approved on the licence to import document, notification of this change should immediately be given to either of the ANRD personnel listed at paragraph 5.

### 2. Review of Import Health Standard

- 2.1 The import health standard may be reviewed, amended or revoked if there are changes to policy or legislation on St Helena Island or the bee products health status of the originating country, or for any other lawful reason.

### 3. Definition of Terms

#### 3.1 Inspector

Means the Agricultural Authority or a person appointed by the Agricultural Authority as defined under Section 2 of the St Helena Bees Ordinance CAP 98, in addition to the Collector of Customs or a customs officer appointed by the Collector under Section 4 of the St Helena Customs Ordinance CAP 145.

### 3.2 **ANRD**

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Division of ENRD, the Environment and Natural Resources Directorate, St Helena Island.

### 3.3 **Equivalence**

Acceptance by the Agricultural Authority that the circumstances relating to the importation of a consignment are such that the health status of the consignment is equivalent to the health status of a consignment that complies with the requirements of the import health standard.

### 3.4 **Importation clearance**

Means that products and equipment given importation clearance are free from all restrictions.

## 4. **Equivalence**

- 4.1 It is expected that the bee products and bee equipment permitted to enter St Helena will meet the conditions of this Import Health Standard in every respect. If the products do not comply with the requirements, an application for equivalence may be submitted to the Senior Veterinary Officer for consideration prior to importation. Detailed information supporting the application for equivalence must also be forwarded for a decision, indicating which requirement can not be met and what measures of an equivalent nature have been taken to compensate.

## 5. **Official Point of Contact**

- 5.1 The official point of contact for this Health Standard is:

Mr Jonathan Hollins, Senior Veterinary Officer:

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## 6. **Fees and Costs**

- 6.1 All fees and costs involved with documentation, transport, storage and obtaining importation clearance shall be borne by the importer or agent.

## **Part B: Importation Procedure**

### 7. **Licence To Import**

- 7.1 Importations into St Helena of all bee products and bee equipment listed at Section 8.1.1 to 8.1.7 which meet the requirements of this health standard, subject to the St Helena Bees Regulations (as amended) will require a 'licence to import'. An application for a licence to import can be obtained by applying to the Senior Veterinary Officer by email, fax, or in writing (see section 5 above). Applicants should be aware that a licence may be refused for any of the products and equipment listed at Section 8.1.1 to 8.1.7 on the basis that it has or may have been exposed to infection with any disease listed in Schedule 2 of the Bees Regulations (as amended).
- 7.2 All bee products listed at Section 8.1.8 will not require a licence to import.

## **8. Eligibility**

- 8.1 This Import Health Standard covers the importation into St Helena of the following bee products, bee hives and equipment:
- 8.1.1 **Royal jelly** (any product that contains 15% or more royal jelly by weight or volume);
  - 8.1.2 **Pollen** (any product that contains 15% or more pollen by weight or volume);
  - 8.1.3 **Raw propolis** (flakes or discs of propolis that have not been processed or refined in any way which may contain traces of honey, pollen, propolis and hive debris);
  - 8.1.4 **Slungum** (the residue of the beeswax rendering process containing propolis, pupae linings, wax moth cocoons, and bee excrement, used to attract bee swarms);
  - 8.1.5 **Bee semen** (for the artificial insemination of bees);
  - 8.1.6 **Unrefined bee venom**;
  - 8.1.7 **Hives, containers or other appliances and equipment** used in connection with the keeping or transportation of bees or bee products;
  - 8.1.8 **Refined beeswax, refined beeswax products, processed composite foods, food ingredients and beverages, dietary supplements and medical preparations and cosmetics** containing honey, pollen, propolis or royal jelly which, with the exception of refined beeswax, contains less than 15% of the bee product by weight or volume.
- 8.2 The bee products and equipment listed at 8.1.1 to 8.1.8 above are eligible for importation as long as the consignment is clearly labelled, commercially prepared and packed in original unopened packaging.
- 8.3 Raw propolis must be kept in a frozen state during shipment to the Island.

- 8.4 Returned honey of St Helena origin may be given clearance to be imported back into St Helena provided all of the following requirements are met:
- ♦ the origin of St Helena must be clearly identifiable on the packaging;
  - ♦ the product is within its original packaging on arrival at St. Helena;
  - ♦ the product must be accompanied by the import certificate obtained from the country where the product was initially exported to.
- 8.5 All bee equipment is eligible for importation providing the equipment is new, the consignment is clearly labelled, commercially prepared and packed in original unopened packaging.

## **9. Documentation**

- 9.1 The licence to import and all other required documentation must accompany the imported products to St Helena.
- 9.2 Documentation shall be in English.
- 9.3 It is the importers responsibility to ensure that any documentation presented in accordance with the requirements of this import health standard is original (unless otherwise specified) and clearly legible. Failure to do so may result in delays in obtaining ANRD and St Helena Government Customs clearance or rejection of consignments.

## **Part C. Importing Clearance Procedure:**

- 10.1 An inspector at the port of arrival in Jamestown may inspect the consignment, or a sample of the consignment.
- 10.2 Providing that the consignment meets the conditions of **Eligibility** and **Part D. Zoosanitary Certification**, the consignment will be given clearance. However, where bee products may become sufficiently contaminated during transportation to the Island that it makes effective inspection difficult, the consignment may not be cleared for use or sale by the importer. In the case where clearance is not given, advice will be provided by ANRD as to how the importer or his agent might proceed thereafter.
- 10.3 Consignments that do not meet all requirements of this Import Health Standard may be reshipped (where importer can demonstrate circumstances outside of their control) or destroyed at the cost of the importer.

## **Part D. Zoosanitary Certification**

### **11. Export Certification**

- 11.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required and recognised by ANRD as equivalent to the requirements of **Part D. Zoosanitary Certification**, and is approved to accompany imports of

consignments of specified bee products into St Helena when appropriately completed by a representative of the exporting country's competent authority.

- 11.2 All of those bee products specified at 8.1.1 to 8.1.6 will require zoosanitary certification to accompany imports. All bee equipment and other items specified at 8.1.7, if new and in original packaging, will not require zoosanitary certification. Bee related products specified at 8.1.8 will also not require zoosanitary certification.

**12. Model Zoosanitary Certificate of Export**

The following provides a template for the zoosanitary certificate:

**TO:** Environment and Natural Resources Directorate, Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (ANRD), St Helena Government, Island of St Helena.

**FROM:** Agricultural Authority/Certifying Authority of .....

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**I. Origin of the Consignment**

- i. Origin of consignment (list country, state or territory) .....
- .....
- ii. Name and address of exporter .....
- .....

**II. Consignment Description**

Name of Bee Product/ Item of Equipment	Numbers by Bee Product / Item of Equipment

Number and description of packages .....

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**III. Destination of The Consignment(s)**

Name and address of importer(s)

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**IV. Veterinary Certificate**

I, ..... being an Official Veterinarian or Official Certifying Officer authorised by ..... do certify that after due enquiry with respect to all the honey bee products or used equipment identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

**1.** The following bee diseases have never been suspected or isolated by the country's Competent Authority such as the department of agriculture:

- 1.1 American Foulbrood (*Paenobacillus larvae*);
- 1.2 European Foulbrood (*Melissococcus pluton*);
- 1.3 *Varroa* diseases (*V. jacobsoni* and *V. destructor*);
- 1.4 *Nosema* disease (*N. apis* and *N. ceranae*);
- 1.5 *Acarine* disease (*A. woodi*);
- 1.6 Amoeba disease (*Malpighamoeba mellificae*);
- 1.7 Small hive beetle infestation (*Aethina tumida*);
- 1.8 *Tropilaelaps* mite infestation;
- 1.9 Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus;
- 1.10 Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD).

**2. For raw propolis:**

**Additional treatment requirement**

2.1 The raw propolis has been subject to the following risk management measure:

2.1.1 freezing at -18° C or below for at least 7 days prior to shipment.

(Please delete clause if product is not raw propolis)

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Signature of Official Veterinarian or Certifying Officer Date  
Name and Address of Office: .....  
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**Stamp:**

**(Please note: the official stamp of the Country's Government must be applied to all pages of the zoosanitary certificate. The stamp and the signature should be in a different colour to the type.)**

## **Part E: Amendment Record – Import Health Standard for Specified Bee Products and Bee Equipment**

Amendments to this Standard will be given a consecutive number and will be dated in the body of the table. Brief details of the amended pages will be included.

<b>No.</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Date</b>
1	All pages extensively amended to accommodate greater range of prohibitions and stricter biosecurity brought in by the Bees (Amendment) Ordinance 2011 & the Bees Regulations 2011	29 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
2	% content of honey and other bee products altered from 50% to 15% by agreement with the EDC 30/7/14	5 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2014



