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Bee Products: General

CTO direction to biosecurity inspectors for the clearance of consignments containing bee products, additional to the Import Health Standard BEEPROIC.ALL

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Lou Gallagher, Senior Advisor, Ministry for Primary Industries (under delegated authority), give the following directions as to measures, different from those in the standard, that may be applied to manage biosecurity risks effectively for consignments containing honey, bee pollen and other bee products in quantities greater than 2% or more honey, bee pollen or royal jelly:

Clause 7.2

Consignments of beeswax from Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu may be given biosecurity clearance if the consignment is accompanied by a Zoosanitary Certification issued by the veterinary authority of that country certifying that the beeswax comes from that country. It must certify that the country is free from European Foulbrood caused by *Melissococcus pluton*.

Clauses 7.3.2 ii, 7.4.3 ii and 7.4.4 ii

For consignments containing more than 2% bee products by weight, importers may provide a manufacturer's declaration specifying that the product contains less than 50 percent honey and that the bee product ingredient has undergone one of the following heat treatments in which the core temperature has reached:

- i. 65°C for a minimum of 8 hours; or
- ii. 70°C for a minimum of 1 hour and 48 minutes; or
- iii. 80°C for a minimum of 22 minutes; or
- iv. 82°C for a minimum of 20 minutes; or
- v. 90°C or more for a minimum of 5 minutes; or
- vi. 130°C or more for a minimum of 1 second.

Clauses 7.4.4 ii

Alternative to the heat treatments listed above, toothpaste, cosmetics and medical preparations may be accompanied by a manufacturer's declaration specifying that the product contains less than 50 percent liquid honey and that the bee product ingredient has undergone radiation treatment at a rate of at least 15 kGy. Products for human consumption such as cough syrup and throat lozenges may not be irradiated.

Clause 7.3.2 ii

There is no requirement for a manufacturer's declaration for *personal consignments* of baked nougat.

Clauses 7.3.2 ii, 7.4.2 iii, 7.4.3 ii and 7.4.4 ii

Manufactured packaging clearly indicating that the total amount of honey, bee pollen and royal jelly in *personal consignments* is less than 2% of the total product weight, is equivalent to a manufacturer's declaration stating the same, and no further documentation is required for that consignment.

Clauses 7.3.2 ii and 7.4.2 iii

Bee products that have been extracted from or immersed in ethanol solutions of at least 40%.

Clause 7.4.3 ii and 7.4.4 ii

Bulk bee products for further processing including bee larvae powder, bee pollen and royal jelly may be directed to a bee-proof transitional facility under the standard MPI-STD-TFGEN, Annex F (General transitional facility for Uncleared Goods, applying to Clause 5.8 of the Standard for Transitional Facilities for Uncleared Goods (<http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/files/regs/stds/bnz-std-tfgen.pdf>)). Bulk untreated bee products must be held in an insect proof area as detailed in the facility manual/quality system.

The bulk product must be encapsulated at the transitional facility listed on the permit. The outer layer of those capsules must not contain any substance that is attractive to bees- including, but not limited to sugar, fruit, honey, pollen or royal jelly.

This direction takes effect from the date of signing and continues in effect until amended or revoked.

Signed at Wellington this 11th day of November 2013