

Attachment 8-2: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Bees

(Draft amendments)

(In case of any discrepancy between the English text and the Chinese text of these Requirements, the Chinese text shall govern)

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1. The quarantine requirements regulate the importation of bees regarding the genus *Apis*, *Bombus*, and *Melipona* in the family *Apidae*.
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 - 2.1 The bees shall originate from countries (zones) in compliance with the following requirements:
 - 2.1.1 Countries (zones) are free from *Acarapis woodi* (acarapisosis) of honey bees: The criteria shall be accordance with the determination of the status regarding the World Organisation for Animal Health (~~OIE~~ WOAH) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (hereinafter the ~~OIE~~-WOAH Code).
 - 2.1.2 Bees originate from countries (zones) other than Africa, South America and countries (zones) without African bees or Africanized bees.
2.2 Article 2.1 does not apply to *Bombus* spp. and *Melipona* spp.
 3. To import bees, the following requirements shall be complied with:
 - 3.1 The bees shall originate from bee colonies where no infestation of honey bees with *Paenibacillus larvae* (American foulbrood), *Melissococcus plutonius* (European foulbrood), *Aethina tumida* (small hive beetle, SHB), *Tropilaelaps* spp., *Varroa* spp. and acarapisosis have been confirmed in the past 6 months.
 - 3.2 The abovementioned bee colonies shall be located in the center of an area with a radius of ~~100-50~~ kilometer where no infestation of SHB has been confirmed in the past 6 months and 3 kilometers where no infestation of American foulbrood and European foulbrood have been confirmed in the past 30 days.
 - 3.3 Bees of Genus *Apis* shall originate from countries (zones) that are recognized as being free from *Tropilaelaps* spp. and *Varroa* spp., according to the ~~OIE~~ WOAH Code; or bees are isolated for pre-export quarantine for at least 21 days prior to export, and treated with medicines approved by the exporting country for *Tropilaelaps* spp. and *Varroa* spp. during the quarantine period.
 - 3.4 ~~The bees are inspected within 2 days prior to export and found to be healthy without any clinical signs of the presence of diseases.~~ The

process of transferring bees into transport containers shall comply with the following requirements:

3.4.1 At the time the bees are moved into the transport container: the bees shall be inspected and found to be healthy without any clinical sign of the presence of diseases or infestation by SHB, *Tropilaelaps* spp., or *Varroa* spp.

3.4.2 After the bees have been moved into the transport container: the container or the whole consignment of bees must be covered immediately with fine mesh through which pests mentioned in Article 3.4.1 cannot enter; or other effective pest-prevention measures shall be taken.

3.4.3 Contents of the transport container: the container shall not contain any materials other than the bees to be imported and substances necessary for their survival. Such substances shall have been subjected to quarantine treatment for SHB, *Tropilaelaps* spp., and *Varroa* spp. using methods recommended in the relevant chapters of the WOA Code or methods of equivalent efficacy recognized by the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country.

4. Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:

4.1 Type and origin of the animal:

4.1.1 Scientific name;

4.1.2 Total quantity: Stating the number of bees in a minimum package size (box, set, carton, bottle, tube or other containers) and the number of packages;

4.1.3 Seal number;

4.1.4 The exporting country;

4.1.5 Name and address of the establishment of origin; and

4.1.6 Name and address of the exporter.

4.2 Destination:

4.2.1 Country of destination; and

4.2.2 Name and address of the importer.

4.3 Statement attesting that the ~~animals~~ *Apis* bees fulfill the requirements stipulated in Articles 2 and 3; and that *Bombus* spp. and *Melipona* spp. fulfill the requirements stipulated in Articles 3.1, 3.2, and 3.4.

4.4 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and

- name and signature of the issuing officer.
5. The bees shall be transported in cargo holds with clean containers which have been treated with disinfectant approved by a competent authority of the exporting country. No additional feed, straw and forage, bedding or other susceptible animals are allowed to be loaded en route to the destination. The means of transport and transit shall comply with the ~~OIE~~ WOAH Code and the Live Animal Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
 6. No post-entry quarantine is required for bees that comply with the quarantine requirements.