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Dear Bee keeper

American Foulbrood / Beekeeper Registration and Records

This letter is being sent out to all registered beekeepers to inform you that this week American foulbrood has again been confirmed at a registered apiary. You may recall the last confirmed case of American foulbrood was in 2015. The disease is notifiable and beekeepers must report suspicion by law.

It is recommended that all bee keepers inspect their colonies for American foulbrood between now and 1 June and report any suspicion of disease. Some beekeepers may be contacted to arrange an inspection of hives by an inspector however it is not possible to visit every apiary. Only with your regular inspections will it be possible to control and prevent the spread of American Foulbrood.

Registration

Hive owners must register with the Minister for the Environment and they must inform the Minister of any changes to name, address and telephone number and the location of the hives.

Attached to this letter are details we hold about you and your bees including location and hive numbers. To assist us with bee inspections please can you review your details and inform us of any changes, including;

- Name, address and contact details – telephone and Email
- The location of apiaries
- The number of hives at each apiaries

If an apiary has no hives you can still keep it registered for use in the future.

You can inform us of any changes by amending the form and either posting it or emailing it to the department. Our preferred option is to receive replies via email to bees@gov.je within 10 days.

If you no longer keep bees and wish to de-register, the conditions are;

- you no longer own a hive with bees and
- you no longer own a hive that that has at any time contained a colony of bees.

If you meet the conditions, you are invited to complete the form, available from our website or from the Department, and submit. Please allow 10 days for processing. www.gov.je/Bees

Yours sincerely

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