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The Diseases of Animals (Bees) (Jersey) Order 2013

Article 15(2) Licence to import bees from United Kingdom, Bailiwick of Guernsey and Isle of Man.

General Licence JSY/BEES/14/002

This licence revokes and replaces general licence JSY/Bees/13/001

1. In accordance with Article 15(3) this licence permits all persons to import bees subject to the following conditions. The importer must apply to the States Veterinary Officer to have the apiary of destination approved prior to the consignment of bees being despatched.
2. Each consignment of bees must be accompanied by a health certificate signed by an authorised inspector appointed by the competent authority of the Government in the United Kingdom (UK) or Isle of Man (IOM) or Bailiwick of Guernsey giving the following:
 - a) Certificate number;
 - b) competent Authority issuing the certificate;
 - c) names and addresses of consignor and consignee;
 - d) addresses of the premises of origin and destination;
 - e) date and time of departure;
 - f) means of transport;
 - g) description (for example; queen bee, colony, package);
 - h) quantity (for example; number of colonies or packages).
3. The health certificate must confirm:
 - a) The bees come from an area which is not subject of the prohibition order associated with an occurrence of American foulbrood. (The period of prohibition has been continued for at least 30 days following the last recorded case and the date of which all hives within a radius of three kilometres have been checked by the competent authority and all infected hives burned or treated and inspected to the satisfaction of the competent authority)
 - b) the bees come from an area of at least 100 km radius which is not the subject of any restrictions associated with the suspicion or confirmed occurrence of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) or the Tropilaelaps mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.), and where these infestations are absent,
 - c) the bees and their packaging have undergone a visual examination to detect the occurrence of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) or their eggs and larvae, or other infestations, in particular the Tropilaelaps mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.), affecting bees.
 - d) In the 5 days prior to shipment;

1. all the hives/colonies have undergone a visual examination of their brood and brood combs on the apiary site and show no evidence of American foul brood or European foul brood being present, and
 2. for bees being exported as “packages” the colony of origin from which the bees are sourced has all stages of bee brood present.
- e) The authorised inspector has received a declaration signed by the consignor stating that;
- i. the consignor and the apiary site has been registered with the competent authority for at least 12 months
 - ii. the bees to be exported have been resident on the apiary of origin for at least 6 months prior to transport.
- f) The authorised inspector has seen a copy of the “Isolation Apiary Approval Certificate” issued by the Department of the Environment, Jersey.
- g) The health certificate shall be valid for 10 days.
3. Shipment must be direct to Jersey from the UK, IOM or Bailiwick of Guernsey.
 4. If the consignment is delayed or postponed, the Department of the Environment must be advised immediately.
 5. Original health certification must accompany each consignment to its final destination and be retained by the importer for a minimum period of 12 months for presentation to an inspector of the Department of the Environment on request.
 6. Every importer of bees must notify the Veterinary Section of the Department of the Environment, using a form* provided, at least 24 hours in advance, of the nature of the consignment, its anticipated date of arrival and the place of destination.
 7. When a health certificate is issued the competent authority shall notify the Department of the Environment by TRAdE Control and Expert System – TRACES system.

Post Import Conditions

8. The bees must stay on the apiary site of destination for a minimum period of 6 months immediately post import, and the importer shall comply with any requirement by an inspector of the Department of the Environment for carrying out an inspection of the bees. The importer may apply for permission to move the bees.

Any licence, permit or authorization granted under this Order may be revoked, suspended or varied at any time by the Minister or a person authorized to do so on behalf of the Minister.

*** a notification form is available from the department or our website**

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Authorized by for States Veterinary Officer
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