

IMPORT HEALTH STANDARD FOR THE IMPORTATION OF CARNIOLAN HONEY BEE (*Apis mellifera carnica*) SEMEN INTO NEW ZEALAND FROM AUSTRIA AND GERMANY

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1. PERMIT TO IMPORT

- 1.1 A permit to import is required for the importation of honey bee semen into New Zealand. Applications should be made to: Animal Imports and Exports, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, P O Box 2526, Wellington.
- 1.2 The importer must supply ALL of the following information:
 - name and address of exporter;
 - name, address and number of apiary of origin of the semen; and
 - volume of semen.
- 1.3 A current copy of the import health standard will be attached to the issued permit.

2. DOCUMENTATION

- 2.1 The permit to import and all the required zoosanitary certificates (which must be in English or bilingual) must accompany the consignment to New Zealand.

3. ELIGIBILITY FOR IMPORTATION

- 3.1 The semen must originate from drones produced in a colony headed for the past 12 months by queens produced in the exporting country.
- 3.2 Drones must have been confined to the colony of origin by a queen excluder and have not been permitted free flight prior to semen collection.
- 3.3 All requirements of this import health standard, including those detailed in the Model Zoosanitary Certificate, must be met for the commodity to be eligible for importation.

4. IDENTIFICATION

- 4.1 The name and address of the apiary of origin and the date of collection must be shown on the Zoosanitary Certificate accompanying the honey bee semen.
- 4.2 All containers of semen ampoules must be sealed and permanently marked with identification of the apiary of origin and the date of collection. If a code is used for this information, its decipher must accompany the consignment.

5. HEALTH CERTIFICATION

- 5.1 Inspection and testing requirements are contained in the Veterinary Certificate.
- 5.2 All testing must be performed at a government approved or state laboratory.
- 5.3 All veterinary certification must be provided by the competent veterinary authority of the exporting country.

6. TRANSPORT TO NEW ZEALAND

- 6.1 The semen for export to New Zealand must be transported in sealed transport containers. The marks on the seal must be recorded in the Veterinary Certificate.

7. BIOSECURITY CLEARANCE

- 7.1 On arrival in New Zealand the consignment will be checked by an Inspector under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and, providing it complies with the conditions of the permit to import and the Zoosanitary and Veterinary Certificates detailed in this import health standard, a Biosecurity clearance will be issued and the consignment will be released to the importer.

8. IMPORTER'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- 8.1 All costs involved with the selection, testing, treatment, transport and quarantine servicing must be borne by the importer or agent as appropriate.
- 8.2 The importer or agent must make all arrangements for transport and obtain necessary transit authorities from any countries on the transport route.

9. REVIEW OF IMPORT HEALTH STANDARDS

- 9.1 These conditions of importation may be reviewed if changes occur in New Zealand's import policy or in the animal health status of the country of origin, or at any time, at the discretion of the Director Animal Biosecurity.

10. EQUIVALENCE

This import health standard is in accordance with agreements between the exporting country and New Zealand. Biosecurity clearance will not normally be given to a consignment that does not meet the requirements of this import health standard in every respect.

Occasionally it is found that due to circumstances beyond the control of the importer or exporter, a consignment does not comply with the requirements of this import health standard. In such cases, an application for equivalence submitted prior to importation will be considered and may be given at the discretion of the Director Animal Biosecurity if

the following information is provided by the exporting country's government veterinary authority:

10.1.1 the clause(s) of the import health standard that cannot be met and how this has occurred;

10.1.2 the reason(s) why the consignment may be considered of equivalent health status to a consignment complying with this import health standard, and/or what proposal is made to achieve an equivalent health status;

10.1.3 the reason(s) why the veterinary authority believes this proposal should be acceptable to MAF and their recommendation for its acceptance.

11. NEGOTIATED EXPORT CERTIFICATION

11.1 The following Model Zoosanitary Certificate contains the information required by MAF to accompany imports of honey bee semen into New Zealand from Austria and Germany.

MODEL ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Species: HONEY BEE (*Apis mellifera carnica*) SEMEN

To: NEW ZEALAND

Import Permit Number:

Country of collection:

Competent authority:

Competent local authority.....

I. INFORMATION CONCERNING THE DONOR HONEY BEES AND SEMEN

Permanent identification marks on containers	Apiary of origin	Volume of semen	Date(s) of collection

II. ORIGIN OF SEMEN

Name and address of apiary of origin:.....
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III. DESTINATION OF SEMEN

Name and address of exporter:
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The semen will be sent from:..... (Apiary of Origin)
to: (NZ destination)

Means of transport (route & flight no.):.....

Name and address of consignor:
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Name and address of consignee:
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IV. SANITARY INFORMATION

VETERINARY CERTIFICATE

I,, being an Official Veterinarian authorised by the veterinary authority of(country of origin) certify to official knowledge, with respect to the apiary of origin and honey bee semen identified in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. The semen originates from honey bees from(country of origin).
2. The presence of honey bees with Africanised genetics (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) or Cape honey bees (*Apis mellifera capensis*) has never been reported in the country of origin.
3. The apiary of origin is approved for export of bee semen and is subject to inspection (at least annually) by a Government approved apiaries inspector to audit the facilities and procedures to ensure hygienic collection of honey bee semen.

Date of last inspection:.....

4. The semen originates from drones produced in a colony headed for the past 12 months by queens produced in the specified country of origin.
5. The drones producing the semen in the consignment have been confined to the colony of origin by a queen excluder and have not been permitted free flight prior to semen collection.
6. The colony of origin has been sampled within the past 12 months and confirmed to be Carniolan using either the morphometric identification technique or PCR using nuclear DNA.
7. Prior to export, the transportation containers have been sealed, using seals bearing the marks:
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Signature of Official Veterinarian

Date

Name and address of office:
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N.B. Official stamp of the government veterinary authority of the exporting country must be applied to all pages of zoosanitary certification.