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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>NEW ZEALAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Specified bee products
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> Australia, Pacific Islands, All countries
<b>5. Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b>  Import Health Standard for the importation into New Zealand of specified bee products from all countries – 12 pages  Import Health Standard for the importation into New Zealand of specified bee products from Australia – 8 pages  Import Health Standard for the importation into New Zealand of specified bee products from Pacific Island countries – 8 pages  All documents are in English
<b>6. Description of content:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The state of Western Australia's freedom from the following honey bee diseases and pests: bee louse (<i>Braula coeca</i>), European Foulbrood (<i>Melissococcus pluton</i>), small hive beetle (<i>Aethina tumida</i>), and Varroa or Eugarroa species mites;</li><li>• The states of Northern Territories and South Australia's freedom from the following honey bee diseases and pests: bee louse (<i>Braula coeca</i>), small hive beetle (<i>Aethina tumida</i>), and Varroa or Eugarroa species mites;</li><li>• The states of New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria's freedom from the following honey bee diseases and pests: bee louse (<i>Braula coeca</i>), and Varroa or Eugarroa species mites;</li><li>• The state of Tasmania's freedom from the following honey bee diseases and pests: small hive beetle (<i>Aethina tumida</i>), and Varroa or Eugarroa species mites;</li></ul>

- Niue, Pitcairn Island, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu’s freedom from the following honey bee diseases and pests: bee louse (*Braula coeca*), European Foulbrood (*Melissococcus pluton*), small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*), and Varroa or Eugarroa species mites;
- Solomon Island’s freedom from the following honey bee diseases and pests: bee louse (*Braula coeca*), European Foulbrood (*Melissococcus pluton*), and small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*)

The purpose of the Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Specified Bee Products from Australia is to provide new access for bee products from Australia. This standard has specific conditions for each state, which are based on the Import Risk Assessment: Honey Bee Products and MAF's assessment of the honey bee health status of each state.

The purpose of the Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Specified Bee Products from all Countries, and the Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Specified Bee Products from Pacific island countries, is to revise existing conditions for bee products and to ensure that sanitary measures are based on the Import Risk Analysis: Honey Bee Products. When issued, these two import health standards will replace the Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Honey and Propolis from Pitcairn Island and the Import Health Standard for the Importation into New Zealand of Specified Bee Products.

7. **Objective and rationale:**  food safety,  animal health,  plant protection,  protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease,  protect territory from other damage from pests

8. **International standard, guideline or recommendation:**  
 Codex Alimentarius Commission,  Office International des Epizooties,  
 International Plant Protection Convention,  None  
**If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:**

9. **Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:**

The following publications are available on the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) website and are presented in English:

Risk analysis at: [http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests-diseases/animals/risk/ira-  
bee-products.pdf](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests-diseases/animals/risk/ira-bee-products.pdf)

Review of Submissions on Risk Analysis at: [http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests-  
diseases/animals/risk/honey-bee-product-subs.pdf](http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests-diseases/animals/risk/honey-bee-product-subs.pdf) .

Draft import health standards at: (insert URLs)

Document to support import health standards at (insert URL)

<b>10. Proposed date of adoption:</b> March 2006
<b>11. Proposed date of entry into force:</b> March 2006
<b>12. Final date for comments:</b> 20 February 2006 <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> [ <input type="checkbox"/> ] National notification authority, [X] Leone Basher, Senior Adviser, Animal Imports Team, Biosecurity New Zealand, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, PO Box 2526, Wellington, New Zealand; Tel: (+64) 4 474 4138, Fax: (+64) 4 498 9888, e-mail: <a href="mailto:basherl@maf.govt.nz">basherl@maf.govt.nz</a>
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