

Overseas Market Access Requirements Notification - Animal Products Act 1999

Regulation & Assurance Branch, Animal Health & Welfare Directorate, Ministry for Primary Industries

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BEEANI.PH 09 JULY 2018 – LIVE QUEEN BEES AND ATTENDANTS TO THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

1. Statutory authority

Pursuant to section 60, section 60A, section 62(1) and section 167 of the Animal Products Act 1999 I notify the following:

- (i) the issue under section 167 of the overseas market access requirements for live queen bees and attendants to the Republic of the Philippines, BEEANI.PH dated 09 July 2018;
- (ii) the revocation and replacement of live queen bees and attendants to the Republic of the Philippines, BEEANI.PH, dated 23 May 2018;
- (iii) the determination under section 62(1) of the format and content of the official assurance for live queen bees and attendants to the Republic of the Philippines.

This notice takes effect from 09 July 2018.

Dated at Wellington this 3rd day of July 2018.

Howard Pharo
Manager Import and Export Animals
Animal Health & Welfare Directorate
Regulation & Assurance Branch
(acting under delegated authority)

2. Republic of the Philippines requirements

Live queen bees and attendants exported from New Zealand to the Republic of the Philippines must be accompanied by an Official Assurance in the form of a completed zoosanitary certificate.

The zoosanitary certificate as specified below must be completed and certified, after due enquiry, by an Official Veterinarian of the Ministry for Primary Industries.

Explanatory Note: If the zoosanitary certificate is not certified then the live queen bees and attendants do not satisfy the conditions in the notice. Likewise, if the live queen bees and attendants do not satisfy the zoosanitary requirements in the certificate, then the certificate will not be certified.



Certificate No:

NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES

ZOOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

Commodity: LIVE QUEEN BEES AND ATTENDANTS
To: REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
Exporting Country: NEW ZEALAND
Competent Authority: MINISTRY FOR PRIMARY INDUSTRIES
SPS Import Clearance Number:

Exporter	Consignee	
Producer	Final destination	
Means of transport Trans-shipment details (country, airport, flight number, date)	Port of loading	Port of discharge
Number of packages	Nature of packages (queens/workers/drones)	Total gross weight

I,, an Official Veterinarian of the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries, certify, after due enquiry with respect to the live bees described in this Zoosanitary Certificate, that:

1. New Zealand does not permit the importation of live bees.
2. Tracheal mite (*Acarapis woodi*), Small Hive Beetle (*Aethina tumida*), Asian mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp), and European Foulbrood (*Melissococcus pluton*) do not occur in New Zealand.
3. The bees are derived from an apiary, or apiaries, of origin that were free from visible clinical evidence of American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus*), *Varroa* spp mites, and Nosema.
4. The hives from which the bees in the shipment were derived were individually inspected by an approved beekeeper under the direction of a MPI accredited person in accordance with the MPI Official Assurance Programme, no more than 10 days prior to export. The bees are derived from an apiary registered, inspected and complying with the Biosecurity Act 1993 and its amendments.
5. The bees are fully domesticated and propagated.
6. The packaging material and accompanying products shall come directly from the exporting breeding

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apiary and have not been in contact with diseased bees or brood combs or with any products or equipment which are contaminated or extraneous to the exporting apiary.

7. The food supplied for the bees during this shipment does not contain honey.
8. When transport is by air, the bees will be transported in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations.

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Signature of Official Veterinarian

Official Stamp and Date

Ministry for Primary Industries

Name and Address:

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Note. The Official Veterinarian must sign and stamp each page of the veterinary certificate using a different colour ink to the paper and the print, and, where applicable, sign, date and stamp each page of the documents (e.g. laboratory reports) that form part of the extended health certification.

EXPORT CERTIFICATION

(This is not part of the official certification)

Commodity: LIVE QUEEN BEES AND ATTENDANTS

Country: PHILIPPINES

Notes: This certificate was re-issued on 9 July 2018 to include a statement as directed by the Philippines stating the bees are fully domesticated and propagated. The initial certificate was approved by the Republic of the Philippines, Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Animal Industry on 20 April 2018.

1. A SPS Import Clearance is required.
2. Any person who intends to import or bring into the country live queen and escort bees shall file an application to import with the Director of BAI through the SPS Inter-Commerce System
3. All commercial beekeepers and hobbyists who intend to import queen and escort bees must be accredited.
4. An approved beekeeper is a beekeeper that has been approved by AsureQuality. The beekeepers conducting the inspection must not have a conflict of interest.

The following additional information is provided in the import terms and conditions

1. The director of BAI shall issue the SPS Import Clearance only upon determination that the importation complies with the Order No. 4 Series of 2015 issued by the Republic of the Philippines, Department of Agriculture.
2. Imported bees without the permit issued pursuant to the Order No. 4 Series of 2015 issued by the Republic of the Philippines, Department of Agriculture, are subject to confiscation and destruction, and the expense shall be borne by the importer.
3. In all instances, no bee shall be allowed entry into the Philippines without the required SPS Import Clearance.
4. Queen and escort bees shall be imported from countries or zones with no reported OIE Listed diseases affecting apiaries 30 days prior to export.
5. Brood combs, nucleus colonies and packaged bees are not allowed for importation.
6. Importers shall agree that their shipment shall be quarantined in a facility provided by the BAI and therefore BAI reserves the right to impose collection of fees for the entire duration while the shipment is under quarantine.
7. The packaging material and accompanying products shall come directly from the exporting breeding apiary and have not been in contact with diseased bees or brood combs or with any products or equipment which are contaminated or extraneous to the exporting apiary.
8. The port of entry shall be the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA) only.
9. Immediately upon arrival of the shipment, the imported products shall be transferred via vehicle provided by the importer to the designated BAI quarantine site.
10. BAI-NVQSD personnel shall supervise the entire quarantine activity within the period of sixteen (16) working hours up to the time of its release.

11.	The importer shall provide pertinent documents during inspection.
12.	Laboratory testing and quarantine inspection of live bees shall be conducted within sixteen (16) working hours by authorized BAI0NVQSD personnel prior to their release. The bees will be released within (16) working hours if disease-free. If spores are detected, bees will be released within or after one week if spores are found non- pathogenic.
13	The importer shall be responsible for feeding, cleaning and other activities involving maintenance of the imported bees including monitoring to prevent their escape and subsequent injuries that they may cause on agricultural crops and local bee species.
14	If found positive for pathogens, the queens and the worker bees will be destroyed; the whole batch will be disposed according to quarantine rules and regulations at the expense of the importing parties. No compensation shall be paid for any bees and/ or combs destroyed.
15	In case of mite infestation, the bees will be treated with miticide prior to release. The cost of miticide shall be shouldered by the importing parties.
16	If cleared during the quarantine, bees may be released upon order issued by the BAI NVQSD.
17	Any person who is found after notice and hearing to have given false or incomplete information relative to the importation of live honeybees or is found to be in violation of the Order No. 4 Series of 2015 issued by the Republic of the Philippines, Department of Agriculture, shall result in the automatic revocation of his SPS Import Clearance. Any importation made without, or with a revoked SPS Import Clearance shall be subject to any of the following sanctions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-shipment of consignment back to origin • Consignment will be confiscated and destroyed; or • Consignment will be shipped to a third country.
18	The bees must be transported in accordance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animals Regulations, which require that suitable arrangements have been made for the feeding, watering and care of the bees during transportation.

Section 61A of the Animal Products Act 1999 states that 'The Crown is not liable, and nor is the Director-General or any employee of the Ministry liable, for any loss arising through the refusal or failure of the relevant authority of an overseas market to admit export animal material or animal product to that market.'