

Attachment 8-2: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Bees

1. The quarantine requirements regulate the importation of bees regarding the genus *Apis*.
2. The bees shall originate from countries (zones) in compliance with the following requirements:
 - 2.1 Countries (zones) are free from *Acarapis woodi* (acarapisosis) of honey bees: The criteria shall be accordance with the determination of the status regarding the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Terrestrial Animal Health Code (hereinafter the OIE Code).
 - 2.2 Bees originate from countries (zones) other than Africa, South America and countries (zones) without African bees or Africanized bees.
3. To import bees, the following requirements shall be complied with:
 - 3.1 Bees shall originate from bee colonies where no infestation of honey bees with *Paenibacillus larvae* (American foulbrood), *Melissococcus plutonius* (European foulbrood), *Aethina tumida* (small hive beetle, SHB), *Tropilaelaps* spp., *Varroa* spp. and acarapisosis have been confirmed in the past 6 months.
 - 3.2 Abovementioned bee colonies shall be situated in the center of an area with a radius of 100 kilometer where no infestation of SHB has been confirmed in the past 6 months and 3 kilometers where no infestation of American foulbrood and European foulbrood have been confirmed in the past 30 days.
 - 3.3 Bees originate from countries (zones) that are recognized as being free from *Tropilaelaps* spp. and *Varroa* spp., according to the OIE Code; or bees are isolated for pre-export quarantine for at least 21 days prior to export ,and treated with medicines approved by the exporting country for *Tropilaelaps* spp. and *Varroa* spp. during the quarantine period.
 - 3.4 The bees are inspected within 2 days prior to export and found to be healthy without any clinical signs of the presence of diseases.
4. Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
 - 4.1 Type and origin of the animal:
 - 4.1.1 Scientific name;
 - 4.1.2 Total quantity: Stating the number of bees in a minimum package size (box, set, carton, bottle, tube or other containers) and the number of packages;
 - 4.1.3 Seal number;
 - 4.1.4 The exporting country;
 - 4.1.5 Name and address of the establishment of origin; and

- 4.1.6 Name and address of the exporter.
- 4.2 Destination:
 - 4.2.1 Country of destination; and
 - 4.2.2 Name and address of the importer.
- 4.3 Statement attesting that the animals fulfill the requirements stipulated in Articles 2 and 3;
- 4.4 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.
- 5. The bees shall be transported in cargo holds with clean containers which have been treated with disinfectant approved by a competent authority of the exporting country. No additional feed, straw and forage, bedding or other susceptible animals are allowed to be loaded en route to the destination. The means of transport and transit shall comply with the OIE Code and the Live Animal Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- 6. No post-entry quarantine is required for bees that comply with the quarantine requirements.