

Prince Edward Island Bee Health Importation Protocol

1. Permit Request Procedures

A Prince Edward Island beekeeper or blueberry grower must request and receive a permit in order to import honey bees into Prince Edward Island. Import Permit Application Form can be found at this website:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/forms/pdf/1343.pdf>

The permit request must be sent to Chris Jordan, Provincial Apiarist, via:

- e-mail: cwjordan@gov.pe.ca
- Fax: 902-368-4857
- Mail: Chris Jordan, Provincial Apiarist
PEI Department of Agriculture & Forestry
PO Box 2000, 11 Kent Street
Charlottetown, PE C1A 7N8

2. Documents Required for Permit

The following documents must be received by Chris Jordan before a permit will be issued:

For honey bees imported from a Canadian province:

- A Certificate of Inspection from the exporting province that meets the inspection requirements in Section 3, with the inspection having been conducted within 45 days of export.
- A letter signed by the exporting beekeeper declaring the colonies to be exported were treated within 300 days prior to the proposed date of importation (i.e. in the fall of 2012 or in the spring of 2013) with a full formic acid treatment as label directed for control of tracheal mites.

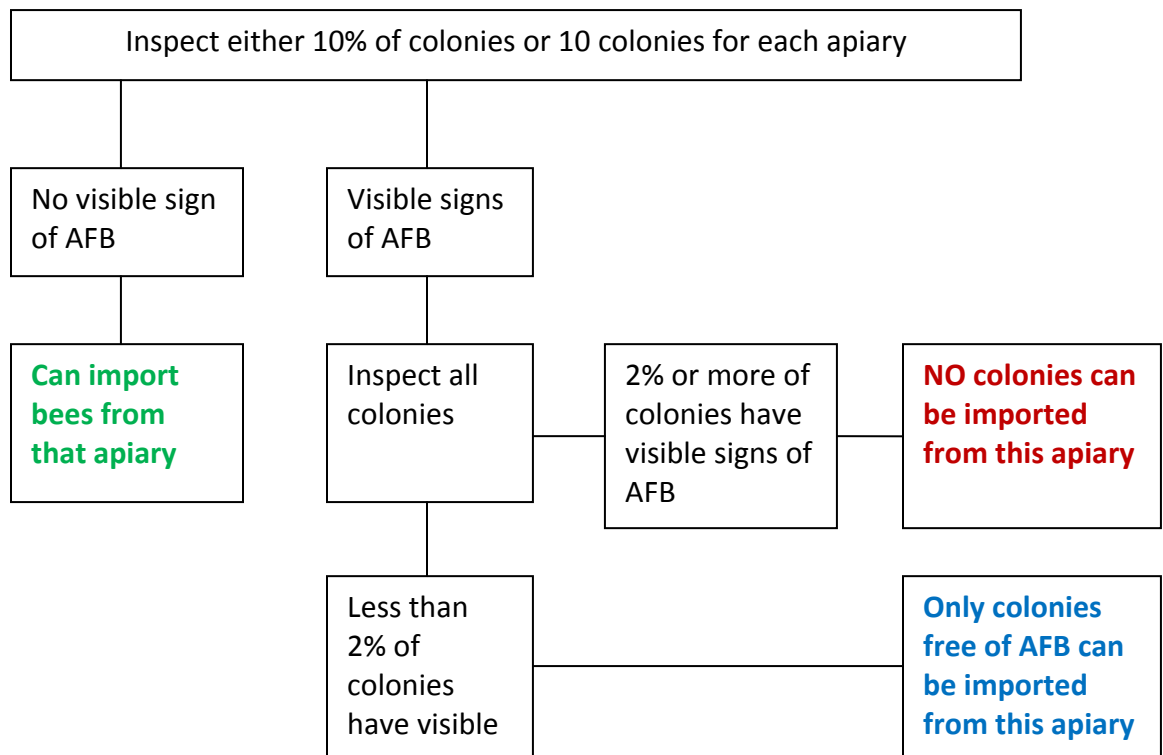
For honey bees imported from outside Canada:

- A copy of the CFIA import document issued to the importer.

3. Inspection requirements for Certificate of Inspection

American Foulbrood (AFB)

- For each apiary, at least ten percent of colonies or ten colonies, whichever is greater, must be inspected for visible signs of AFB. If no visible signs of AFB are found, all colonies from that apiary can be imported.
- If any colonies inspected above show visible signs of AFB, then every colony in that apiary must be inspected for AFB. Only colonies free of AFB, from apiaries lacking a history of AFB as defined below, will be permitted to enter PEI.
- If an apiary was found to have two (2) percent or more of colonies with visible signs of AFB from any inspection made up to six months before the importation date, its colonies will not be permitted to enter PEI.



Small Hive Beetle (SHB)

- For each apiary, at least 10 (ten) percent of colonies or ten colonies, whichever is greater, must be inspected for presence of SHB. This inspection must be a full brood nest inspection with a minimum of three frames removed and inspected and include inspection of the bottom board. If any SHB (adult, eggs, or larvae) are found, then no colonies from that apiary will be allowed to enter PEI.
- For any colonies exported from a province with established SHB, an additional minimum inspection of 15 % of the colonies must be carried out through the top bar inspection technique, inspecting bottom board when possible.
- Colonies from apiaries in zone 1-ON (Essex County, Ontario) or from any quarantine zone that is in effect from April 1, 2013 are not permitted to enter PEI.
- Colonies which have traveled through any Canadian zones declared quarantine as of April 1, 2013, or which will have to travel through any such zones to get to PEI, will not be permitted to enter PEI in 2013.
- For queens imported from outside Canada, an inspection of queen cages must be carried out before the release of queens to the importer.

Tracheal Mites (HBTM)

- All colonies imported must have been treated within 300 days prior to the proposed date of importation (i.e. in the fall of 2012 or in the spring of 2013) with a full formic acid treatment as label directed for control of tracheal mites.
- All queens imported from Canadian provinces must have the attendants destroyed before queens are introduced to a colony.

4. Transportation Requirements for Colonies

After inspection, shipments are to be transported directly to PEI and not to be modified *en route*.

Netting or an enclosed vehicle must be used when transporting all imported colonies:

- from point of departure in the exporting province; and
- through all provinces travelled.

5. Requirements After Permit is Granted

The importer is responsible for ensuring the truck drivers of each imported shipment will have a copy of the PEI Bee Health Certificate (i.e. Import Permit).

The importer is responsible for obtaining transportation permission from the provinces through which the imported colonies must travel to arrive in PEI.

All vehicles transporting honey bees must stop at the weight scales located either at Borden-Carleton or Wood Islands upon entry to PEI.

Letter Confirming Treatment for Tracheal Mites

Beekeeper Name: _____

Beekeeper Address: _____

Beekeeper Phone #: _____

Beekeeper Fax: _____

Beekeeper Email: _____

General Treatment Date: _____

By signing this letter, I declare that prior to shipment of colonies, nucs or queens to Prince Edward Island, a full treatment for tracheal mites through the application of formic acid has been applied to all colonies or source bees (queens) being exported to Prince Edward Island no greater than 300 days prior to the proposed date of importation.

Signature of Exporting Beekeeper

Date

Please return to Chris Jordan, Provincial Apiarist, at cwjordan@gov.pe.ca or Fax (902) 368-4857