

2013 Requirements for Interprovincial Movement of Honey Bee Colonies – (Nucleus and Full Sized Colonies)

Details	Quebec	New Brunswick	Nova Scotia	Prince Edward Island
Minimum Inspection level – AFB	10% minimum visual inspection of three brood frames. If AFB is found then all colonies must be inspected. 2% infestation by yard are accepted for export. All infested colonies must be destroyed.	10% minimum visual or a minimum of 10 colonies per yard whichever is greater. If AFB is found then all colonies must be inspected. Less than 2% infestation by yard are accepted for export. All infested colonies must be destroyed. No rAFB in last two years.	Inspection of three brood frames, or a minimum of 10 colonies – 10% minimum visual inspection of three brood frames. If AFB is found then all colonies must be inspected. 2% infestation by yard are accepted for export. All infested colonies must be destroyed.	10% minimum visual inspection of three brood frames, or a minimum of 10 colonies – whichever is greater. If AFB is found then all colonies must be inspected. 2% infestation by yard are accepted for export. All infested colonies must be destroyed.
Minimum Inspection level – SHB	10% visual inspection of top bars and brood nest. An additional 15% inspection of top bars SHB. This makes a total of 25% inspected colonies in each yard.	10% visual inspection of top bars and brood nest. An additional 15% inspection of top bars SHB. This makes a total of 25% inspected colonies or a minimum of 25 colonies whichever is greater in each yard.	10% visual inspection of top bars and brood nest. An additional 15% inspection of top bars SHB. This makes a total of 25% inspected colonies in each yard.	10% visual inspection of top bars and brood nest and bottom board. An additional 15% inspection of top bars SHB. This makes a total of 25% inspected colonies in each yard.
Required inspection forms and reports	Signed inspection reports for each location which supplies honey bee colonies for the load. Quebec is also requesting that all inspection reports be received in a bundle from the beekeeper or Apiary Program.	Signed inspection reports for each location which supplies honey bee colonies for the load.	Signed inspection reports for each location which supplies honey bee colonies for the load.	Signed inspection reports for each location which supplies honey bee colonies for the load.
Required Permits	Import Permit issued from QC to ON beekeeper, based on ON inspection reports, and any additional requirements.	Import Permit issued from NB to ON beekeeper, based on ON inspection reports, and any additional requirements.	The NS beekeeper is the individual who applies for the import permit from NS. This is based on the inspection reports generated in ON.	Import Permit issued from PE to ON beekeeper, based on ON inspection reports, and any additional requirements.
Number of days that inspections are valid	45 days before colonies are in transit.	6 months before colonies are in transit.	45 days before colonies are in transit.	45 days before colonies are in transit.

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Additional restrictions on pests and diseases	None	None	Tracheal mites	Tracheal mites
Additional requirements by exporting beekeepers	See below. Beekeepers must provide QC with the all of the inspections of colonies that will enter Quebec within the entire operation in a complete package.	See below.	ON beekeeper must have treated with formic acid in fall of 2012 or spring of 2013 before entering NS. Full formic acid treatment as label directed for control of tracheal mites.	ON beekeeper must have treated with formic acid within 300 days (or sooner) before entering PE. Full formic acid treatment as label directed for control of tracheal mites.
Additional paperwork by exporting beekeepers	ON beekeeper must send all forms duly completed as required in the QC import protocol and register as a Quebec Beekeeper the year they are exporting. Beekeepers must declare that all the sites of apiaries from which the bees to be imported to Quebec will come.	ON beekeeper must declare that all colonies had not entered the ON Quarantine Area for SHB in 2012 and will not in 2013. For each permit per vehicle: The ON beekeeper must list: # colonies; ON beekeeper contact information; ON apiary location; NB importer contact information; location where colonies will be sent to in NB.	Letter confirming treatment for tracheal mites. By the beekeeper for NS	Letter confirming treatment for tracheal mites. By the beekeeper for PE.
Additional forms and permits for Ontario	Application for an Ontario Import Permit. Beekeeper must hold an Import Permit to have the honey bees return to Ontario.	Application for an Ontario Import Permit. Beekeeper must hold an Import Permit to have the honey bees return to Ontario.	Application for an Ontario Import Permit. Beekeeper must hold an Import Permit to have the honey bees return to Ontario.	Application for an Ontario Import Permit. Beekeeper must hold an Import Permit to have the honey bees return to Ontario.
Transportation	ON beekeepers must obtain the authorisation for introduction of bees from Quebec authority before transportation in Qc. Bees brought into Québec for the sole purpose of direct transit towards another province are not subject to this protocol.	After Inspection, shipments are to be transported directly to NB and not be modified en route. See further details on netting requirements. The importer is responsible for ensuring the truck drivers of each imported shipment will have a copy of the NB permit. One permit is issued per vehicle. List # of colonies per vehicle. The beekeeper must ensure that the bees are accompanied by a	After Inspection, shipments are to be transported directly to NS and not be modified en route. See further details on netting requirements. The importer is responsible for ensuring the truck drivers of each imported shipment will have a copy of the NS permit.	After Inspection, shipments are to be transported directly to PE and not be modified en route. See further details on netting requirements. The importer is responsible for ensuring the truck drivers of each imported shipment will have a copy of the PE import permit. The importer is responsible for obtaining transportation permission from the provinces through

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		“Permit to Import and Transport Honey Bees” issued by the Provincial Apiarists in NB. Shipments which will be sent first to NB are to be transported directly to NB and not be modified en route. Shipments which are first sent to pollination in QC, NS or PE must be transported directly to those provinces for pollination until their NB destination.		which the imported colonies must travel to arrive in PE. All vehicles transporting honey bees must stop at the weight scales located either at Borden-Carleton or Woods Islands upon entry to PE.
Timing of Requirements	A minimum of 5 working days before an import permit can be issued.	None listed. Give at least three business days.	Before colonies are moved into, within and out of NS, the importer must provide a minimum of three (3) days’ notice Joanne Moran, 902-679-8998 or jmoran@gov.ns.ca All imported colonies must leave Nova Scotia by July 1 st , 2013	None listed. Give at least three business days.
Other Items	Consult original document for additional requirements.	NB does not require an additional inspection report from colonies that have first been sent to QC, NS or PE for pollination in 2013. A copy of that permit should be kept by NB importer for proof.	The importer must also provide detailed directions to where the colonies will be placed, to the Provincial Bee Health Advisor.	None listed. Consult original document.

All inspections are to be submitted into Siebel the day of the inspection. If there are issues with computer or Siebel access, please notify Program Support and the Apiary Program immediately. One copy of a signed inspection reports goes to the beekeeper and another inspection report goes to the Apiary Program. Please fax this at the end of each day (Staples, other office centre, or Shopper’s Drug Mart). It is important that we have the legal document (inspection report with signature) submitted to the office as soon as possible.

If Small Hive Beetle is found during an inspection, please contact the Apiary Program immediately.

The protocol for the export of Ontario honey bee queens is different. Please contact the Provincial Apiarist on this matter.