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**News and Updates from the Hive. April 19, 2018**

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**New Inter-provincial Requirements to Move  
Bees**

We've just [posted information](#) for beekeepers planning to import or export bees for sale or pollination this year. Please read the requirements carefully and be aware that some are continuing to evolve this spring. Don't hesitate to contact Provincial Apiarist, [Paul Kozak](#), or your local [Bee Inspector](#), if you have questions related to moving bees, nucs or queens.



These changes reflect important requirements for pest and disease control as spring approaches.



**Unexpected Announcement: Medivet is  
Closing its Operations This Summer**

[Medivet Pharmaceuticals Ltd.](#) sent letters to its customers last week announcing that it will be

winding down operations as soon as inventories have been sold off, likely by June. This unexpected turn of events has been triggered by a decision of their long-time supplier to stop production of the active ingredient in Fumagilin-B, fumagilline dch.

CEO Ursula Da Rugna and her staff are well-known for their long-standing support of the beekeeping industry and research in Canada. In addition to the loss of their products, they will be personally missed.

## Federal Court Rules Bee-killing Pesticide Lawsuit Will Go to Full Hearing

A lawsuit launched by environmental groups in a bid to protect pollinators from harmful neonicotinoid pesticides will proceed to a full hearing, despite repeated attempts by the federal government and companies that make the pesticides to shut the case down, a judge has ruled. [Read more here.](#)



## Get Ready for Spring with Tools from OBA's Tech-Transfer Program!

Whether you're new to beekeeping (or know someone who is) or are seeking to extend your knowledge, OBA's [Tech-Transfer Program](#) has lots of data, resources and tools.

Registration is underway now for 1-day, hands-on [Spring Workshops](#) in various locations around the province: ***Introduction to Beekeeping, Integrated Pest Management, and Queen Rearing.***

## The *Ontario Bee Journal* - A Valuable Benefit of Your OBA Membership

The OBA's own magazine delivers timely information and all the beesness fit to print with articles from our own Tech-Transfer Program specialists, members and experts. It's delivered right to your door with your membership. The May / June issue is on its way soon.



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