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Québec 

Direction de la santé animale

PROTOCOL REGARDING THE TRANSIT OF BEES IN QUÉBEC IN 2016

Any beekeeper planning to have colonies, nuclei or packages of bees transit through Québec territory **must** have a transit authorization issued by the Direction de la santé animale (DSA) of the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ).

Note: Beekeepers wishing to import bees into Québec for a **temporary or permanent stay** should refer to the protocol appropriate to their situation.

The goal of this protocol is to contribute to ensuring a reasonable degree of protection against the risk of introducing *Aethina tumida* (small hive beetle), a bee disease designated in the *Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes* (CQLR, c. P-42, r. 4.2). This protocol targets beekeeping operations planning to have bees from other Canadian provinces or territories transit through Québec, and specifies the requirements that these businesses must meet to be eligible for an authorization to transit through Québec territory.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Trucks from another province carrying colonies, nuclei or packages of bees through Québec territory to another province must follow these rules:

1. The bee shipment must be either:
 - Contained in a closed and refrigerated vehicle
 - Covered with fine mesh netting through which bees and small hive beetles are unable to pass
2. The route taken must be as direct as possible.

PROCEDURES

The owner of the beekeeping operation from which the bees to be transported originate must:

1. Contact their provincial apiarist to ensure that they meet Québec's basic health requirements.
2. Complete the *Request for authorization to transport bees through Québec territory* (Schedule 1).
3. Send their request to the MAPAQ by email at animaux@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca or by fax at 418-380-2201.

For more information, contact the central reporting line of MAPAQ's Direction de la santé animale at 1-844-ANIMAUX.

Expect a minimum of five working days between the date the MAPAQ receives the documents and the issuance of the transit authorization. The owner of the bees **must hold this authorization when the bees transit through Québec territory**. Failure to comply with this provision may result in penal prosecution and seizure of the bees pursuant to the *Animal Health Protection Act* (CQLR, c. P-42, s. 55.43).

Given the evolution of the knowledge on which the rules governing the import of bees into Québec is based, this protocol may be amended without notice.

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Schedule 1

REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSPORT BEES THROUGH QUÉBEC TERRITORY

(TO BE COMPLETED BY THE OWNER OF THE BEEKEEPING OPERATION)

As the owner of bees to be imported into Québec,

I, the undersigned: _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____ Postal code: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

hereby request transit authorization for:

			Trip: _____ Return trip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> New Brunswick <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> Prince Edward Island <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
Number	Description (nucleus, colony or package)	Number of trucks	Projected transit date	Destination

and declare that the transport method for the bees to transit through Québec meets provincial health requirements:

- The shipment will be transported in a closed and refrigerated truck.
- or
- The shipment will be covered with fine mesh netting through which bees and small hive beetles are unable to pass.
- The route taken will be as direct as possible.

I recognize my liability for any financial loss arising from any misrepresentations concerning these health requirements.

Signature of the owner of the beekeeping operation

Date

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