

2018 SUMMARY OF EXPORT / IMPORT CONDITIONS FOR BEES ACROSS CANADA OVERVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTS FOR ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS FOR SPRING

AS AT APRIL 15, 2018

New Brunswick, Québec and Prince Edward Island may permit the import of Ontario honey bee colonies and nucleus colonies:

- Inspections are required by the Ontario Apiary Program as well as the Ontario beekeeper applying to the other province.
- In some cases, there are attestation or declaration forms that Ontario beekeepers are also required to submit to the province they intend to export to (see below).
- For the provinces of **New Brunswick** and **Québec**, the Ontario beekeeper is responsible for labelling colonies to identify them (see below).
- Contact your local [Ontario Apiary Inspector](#) as soon as you know you are transporting bees for pollination to give the Inspector a heads up, and to prioritize scheduling of inspections.

- **“Beetle Bee Gone”®** sheets are required for colonies imported to **New Brunswick, Québec and Prince Edward Island**.

This is a chemical-free fabric sheet that is placed in colonies (conditions are specific to each province).

- At present, these sheets are carried by the bee supplier **Stanabbey**:
<http://stanabbey.com/contact/> ; 272 route 201, St-Stanislas-de-Kostka, Québec, Canada, J0S 1W0; Telephone: 450 373.7535; Email: info@stanabbey.com
- A **Transit Permit** is required move honey bees **through Québec** (see links and contacts below).
 - Any beekeepers moving bees to **New Brunswick** or **Prince Edward Island** will require a Transit Permit

At present, the following provinces **will not accept Ontario honey bee colonies and nucleus colonies** but may still accept honey bee queens with conditions:

- **Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan and Alberta**

Ontario's import conditions to be posted soon.

In order to receive an **Import Permit** to bring bees into **Ontario**, the beekeeper must first sign an application and contact the Provincial Apiarist – for further conditions (Paul Kozak, paul.kozak@ontario.ca; 519-826-3595). See more here:
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food/inspection/bees/importbees.htm>

Import conditions for **Ontario** are important to ensure that serious pests and diseases not yet in Ontario do not make it here (American foulbrood resistant to antibiotics, varroa mites resistant to amitraz (Apivar®) and Africanized honey bees).

Amitraz- (Apivar®) resistant varroa have been detected in the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. This is a **serious development** in the pest and disease profile, as these are varroa mites that can no longer be adequately controlled with one of the major treatment options.

Distribution of **small hive beetle** in Ontario is still posted on the OMAFRA Apiary Program webpage:

- <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/food/inspection/bees/apicultu.html>
- <http://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=40f8961d0ae54f5eae0393b0dc4bd945>

Provincial Conditions:

The below links are / were current as of April 15, 2018. **They may change at any time** due to new developments in pest and disease status of colonies across Canada.

Other provinces may have their import requirements finalized but may not be available on their program's webpage.

Contact the Ontario Apiary Program (apiary@ontario.ca) or Ontario Provincial Apiarist, Paul Kozak, (paul.kozak@ontario.ca or 519-826-3595 to be connected with the corresponding Provincial Apiarist who can provide the direct and most recent import requirements.

New Brunswick Import Requirements are available in French and English on the following links:

English:

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/10/agriculture/content/bees.html>

Français:

<http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/fr/ministeres/10/agriculture/content/abeilles.html>

Québec Import Requirements are available in French and English on the following links:

<https://www.agrireseau.net/apiculture/documents/97429/protocol-regarding-the-import-of-bees-into-quebec-in-2018-from-a-province-where-the-small-hive-beetle-is-endemic-or-not-controlled-by-health-authoriti>

<https://www.agrireseau.net/apiculture/documents/97431/protocol-regarding-the-import-of-bees-into-quebec-in-2018-from-a-province-where-the-small-hive-beetle-is-absent-or-controlled-by-health-authorities>

<https://www.agrireseau.net/apiculture/documents/97433/protocol-regarding-the-transit-of-bees-in-quebec-in-2018>