

LIVESTOCK REGULATIONS 2013  
 CHIEF INSPECTOR APPROVALS  
*Part 2 Special Provisions Relating to Bees*  
 Division 3 – Health and Management of Bees

Approval of hives for the keeping of bees

I, Mary Carr, Chief Inspector of Stock under the *Livestock Act 1997*, hereby approve the following kinds of hives for the keeping of bees pursuant to Regulation 11 of the *Livestock Regulations 2013* as set out in **Table A** below:

For each hive use listed in Column A, the required elements must be met as specified in Column B.

This approval remains in place until otherwise amended or revoked.

**Table A. Approved hives for the keeping of bees**

Column A Hive uses:	Column B Required elements:
<p><b>Hive use - standard (H1)</b> Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• production, including for all: honey/pollination/bees (including queens)/beeswax/pollen/propolis/royal jelly/venom</li> <li>• recreation and/or hobby</li> <li>• temporarily holding or transporting</li> <li>• field and/or laboratory research/teaching</li> </ul>	<p>Hives must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) specifically designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be bee-proof, including being:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) constructed of materials that are durable and secure, and which prevent bee access (other than as approved in 1 b); and</li> <li>b) restricted in bee access to fixed bee access points, managed according to hive strength so as to be demonstrably defensible, and able to be made bee-proof as required; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>2) specifically designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to have easily removable frames, including:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) being fitted with sufficient frames of the required type, or in their absence temporary bee-proof divider(s), so as to meet required element 2 b); and</li> <li>b) being restricted in the hives internal volume available for comb building to frames of the required type; with frames of foundation (i.e. frames not containing drawn comb but in which it is intended/possible that bees will draw comb) meeting required element 2 c); and</li> <li>c) frames of foundation comprising as a minimum of a continuous straight strip of foundation secured to the underside of the top bar and extending:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) to within 10 mm of each end bar (or in their absence to points consistent with maintaining the required bee-space with the hive box inner faces); and</li> <li>ii) downwards at least 20 mm if fitted with a bottom bar (or in its absence to points consistent with maintaining the required bee-space with hive components underneath).</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>Hive use - nuc (H2 i), and observation (H2 ii)</b> Used for temporary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rearing/holding queens and/or starting new hives</li> <li>• uses as described for H1</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Hive use - swarm catch box (H3)</b> Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• catching swarms by being accessible to bees, such that a bee swarm can locate and colonise it</li> </ul>	<p>Hives must meet the required elements 1) and 2) above, with the following additional requirements: Hives must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3) fitted with sufficient frames comprising only of frames of foundation, and</li> <li>4) free from notifiable conditions, bees, products or waste.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Hive use - temporary (H4)</b> Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• holding/transporting prior to hiving, including for package bees and caught swarms</li> </ul>	<p>Hives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) must be constructed, operated and maintained so as to be bee-proof, and</li> <li>2) may only be used for the temporary holding/transporting of bees, for a duration that prevents bees starting to fill any comb with bee brood and/or products</li> </ol>
<p><b>Hive use - laboratory (H5)</b> Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• laboratory research/teaching</li> </ul>	<p>A receptacle that is only used for the hiving of bees within the confines of a laboratory approved by the Chief Inspector.</p>

Comprehensive details outlining the requirements along with supporting information, can be found in the document PIRSA Guidelines: *Hives - construction and use*, available at [http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal\\_health/bees/beekeeper\\_registration](http://www.pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/bees/beekeeper_registration) or from the Apiary Unit, Biosecurity SA.

Dated: 15 March 2019



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