

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: |
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| <p>Hive use - standard (H1) Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • production, including for all: honey/pollination/bees (including queens)/beeswax/pollen/propolis/royal jelly/venom • recreation and/or hobby • temporarily holding or transporting • field and/or laboratory research/teaching | <p>Hives must be:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) specifically designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to be bee-proof, including being: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) constructed of materials that are durable and secure, and which prevent bee access (other than as approved in 1 b); and 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 2) specifically designed, constructed, operated and maintained so as to have easily removable frames, including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 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 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"> 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 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). |
| <p>Hive use - nuc (H2 i), and observation (H2 ii) Used for temporary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rearing/holding queens and/or starting new hives • uses as described for H1 | |
| <p>Hive use - swarm catch box (H3) Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • catching swarms by being accessible to bees, such that a bee swarm can locate and colonise it | <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"> 3) fitted with sufficient frames comprising only of frames of foundation, and 4) free from notifiable conditions, bees, products or waste. |
| <p>Hive use - temporary (H4) Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holding/transporting prior to hiving, including for package bees and caught swarms | <p>Hives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) must be constructed, operated and maintained so as to be bee-proof, and 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 |
| <p>Hive use - laboratory (H5) Used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • laboratory research/teaching | <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 or from the Apiary Unit, Biosecurity SA.

Dated: 15 March 2019



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