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Dear beekeeper

For those who paid a Bee Products Commodity Levy in 2002

1) The NBA has been taking some advice as to the "status" of Commercial Members once the Bee Products Commodity Levy expires on 1 December 2002. To quote from the solicitors advice:

"Rule 7(a) defines a commercial member as one who has paid his or her levy as prescribed under the Order. Upon the expiration of the Order the category of commercial member will no longer exist. However, the other categories of members continue to exist and the organisation continues in existence until such a time as it is wound up."

Therefore the onus is on the individual commercial beekeeper to decide whom if anyone they choose to join post 1 December to represent them in issues of industry representation. The NBA has yet to determine a subscription rate for the 2003 year.

2) Again, due to the commodity levy ballot earlier this year voting no to having a new six-year commodity levy, the NBA has an "interesting" dilemma.

As the current levy has always been struck to cover the NBA's financial year (1 January – 31 December) and the levy charged for the 2002 year was on this basis, the NBA feels obliged to offer you $\frac{1}{12}$ of your 2002 levy back. If you wish to have this paid back, please write to the Executive Secretary at the above address by 30 November 2002. This will allow the NBA time to fix things up before the end of the financial year (31/12/02).

We hope this clarifies these issues for you.

Yours in beekeeping

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