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DEPARTMENT OF CROP SCIENCE & PRODUCTION,

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20th January 1970.

Mr. E.J.Smaellie(Superintendant of Beekeeping)

Private Bag,

Wellington,

New Zealand.

Dear Mr. Smaellie,

X I shall be coming to take up permanent residence in New Zealand later this year as a lecturer at Massey University. I have, for many years, been a keen beekeeper, and have carried out a fair bit of work recently on beekeeping in Uganda. I hope when I have time to write it up in Bee World.

Naturally New Zealand will have strict regulations concerning the importation of Beekeeping equipment that has been used, and it is this that I should like to enquire about. If Possible I would like to bring in with me the following:

- 1). My extractor.
- 2). Storage tanks.
- 3). Wax Mill for making foundation.
- 4). Uncapping knives.

With the exception of the odd wooden handle all this equipment is metal and could presumably be treated in some way. It is all at present in storage in the U.K., as I disbanded my apiary when I came to Uganda.

Presumably all this equipment would count as 'personal effects' for customs purposes, but if treatment is necessary that end then I can pack it all in a



separate crate, to make life a bit easier.

I might add that I am looking forward immensely to coming to
not by any means the least of my reasons is beekeeping. X

Looking forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,

Edward Roberts

(Edward Roberts)

Lecturer in Agricultural Botany.

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Mr. R.J. Smaellie (Superintendent of Beekeeping)

Private Bag,

Wellington,

New Zealand.



Sender's name and address: Roberts,

Box 706, Kampala, Uganda.

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New Zealand.

2 February 1970

Mr Edward Roberts,
Makerere University College,
P. O. Box 7062,
Kampala,
UGANDA.

Dear Mr Roberts,

Your letter of 20 January has been received. I am pleased to note you will be coming to New Zealand later this year and that beekeeping will be one of your main interests.

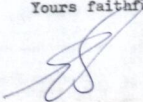
In regard to your enquiry about bringing with you the several beekeeping appliances mentioned, I have to advise that under our Apiaries Regulations importation into New Zealand of used beekeeping appliances is prohibited.

The Department undertakes a strict control on such importations in order to protect the beekeeping industry in New Zealand against the possible introduction of bee diseases which do not occur here.

Because of the nature of these diseases, particularly Acarine disease (*Acarapis woodi*), the Department is not prepared to accept any risk whatsoever, and therefore would not authorise the import of your beekeeping appliances.

I shall look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,


E. Smaellie
Superintendent, Beekeeping



Horticultural Superintendent,
PALMERSTON NORTH.

For information of Apiary Officers, concerned. Mr Roberts is Lecturer in Agricultural Botany, Department of Crop Science Production at Makerere University College, Uganda.

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IMPORT OF BEE KEEPING EQUIPMENT

Mr R. Roberts has been appointed Lecturer in Agronomy at Massey University, and leaves the U.K. to take up his appointment shortly.

He is very interested in bee keeping and has corresponded with Mr Smaellie, the Superintendent of Bee Keeping, about importing his equipment. While he has been in Uganda his bee keeping equipment has been in storage in the U.K.

Mr Roberts appreciates the reasons behind the prohibition of imports of bee keeping equipment and is prepared to accept the decision as advised by Mr Smaellie, except that he considers his Wax Mill for making foundation is not really a bee keeping appliance but rather a manufacturing appliance. He has obtained the information from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food that this machine should be able to be satisfactorily sterilised by autoclave or some similar method, and he has asked me to confirm that this piece of machinery, which he is reluctant to leave in the U.K., is in fact a prohibited import.

I shall look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,

(G.J. Batten)
Agricultural Adviser

E. Smaellie
Superintendent, Beekeeping

Horticultural Superintendent,
WELLINGTON HOUSE

For information of Apiary Officers, concerned. Mr Roberts is Lecturer in Horticultural Botany, Department of Crop Science, Massey University College, Uganda.

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