

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT,
WELLINGTON, N.Z.

11th July, 1949.

MEMORANDUM NO. 1949/87.Importation of Bees and Appliances used in connection
with Bees.

With reference to Circular Memorandum 1924/79 of the 7th July, 1924 advice has been received from the Director-General, Department of Agriculture to the effect that the Order-in-Council dated 26th May, 1924 making regulations governing the introduction into New Zealand of bees and appliances used in connection with bees was revoked by The Bees and Appliances (Introduction) Regulations, 1946, which in turn is revoked by the Apiculture Regulations 1948 of the Apiculture Act 1927. made under the provisions

The following are extracts from the Regulations relating to the importation of bees and appliances :-

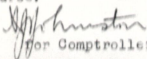
- ex Reg. 2. "Appliance" means any hive, bee-comb, extractor, or other appliance that has been used in connection with bee-keeping.
- Reg. 4. No person shall introduce into New Zealand any bees or any appliance from outside New Zealand.
- Reg. 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of the last preceding regulation, it shall be lawful for any person with a prior permit in writing from the Minister of Agriculture, and subject to such conditions as may be prescribed in such permit, to introduce bees into New Zealand from any place specified in such permit, together with such appliances as are necessary to serve as containers for bees so introduced.
- Reg. 7. Any bees or appliances introduced into New Zealand without a permit in writing from the Minister or otherwise than in accordance with the conditions prescribed in such permit may be seized and destroyed by an Inspector.

One of the conditions of the "Authority to Import" is, however, that the consignment is to be addressed to the Importer by name only care of the Superintendent, Wallaceville Animal Research Station, Private Bag, Wellington.

The Director-General of Agriculture has made arrangements with the Post and Telegraph Department in regard to consignments forwarded per Parcels or Packet Post but in all other cases whether the package is addressed as indicated above or not officers should hold the goods and advise the nearest District Office of the Department of Agriculture. Delivery may be made on the authority of that Department.

The Agriculture Department is concerned with the possibility of bees, affected with disease, being imported unlawfully and advise that it is suspected that such bees have been brought to New Zealand by passengers or crew of incoming vessels and aircraft. It is desired to co-operate with the Department as far as possible and officers should take reasonable care to ensure that bees are not unlawfully landed in this manner.

Order C13 will be amended in due course.



for Controller of Customs.

AUTHORITY TO IMPORT BEES INTO NEW ZEALAND.
pursuant to The Apiaries Regulations, 1948,

(Name of applicant) _____ of _____ (Address) _____
is hereby authorized to import into New Zealand from the apiary
situated at _____ (Location of Apiary) _____ in the country or state of
_____ and owned or occupied by _____ (Name of breeder) _____
of _____ (Address of breeder) _____ the under-mentioned consignment of
bees:-

<u>Number.</u>	<u>Variety.</u>
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Subject to the following conditions, viz,-

- (1) That the consignment of bees is accompanied by a certificate signed by a responsible Government officer whose technical duties relate to apiculture in the country or state from which the bees are exported, and certifying,-
 - (a) That such bees are free from disease.
 - (b) That such bees have immediately prior to export been kept on an apiary that is free from all diseases of bees, including Bacillus larvae and Bacillus pluton (commonly known as foul-brood), bee louse (Brachyura coccia), and Isle of Wight disease (Acarapis woodi), and
 - (c) That Isle of Wight disease (Acarapis woodi) does not exist within fifty miles of the apiary in which such bees were kept immediately prior to export.
- (2) That the consignment of bees is addressed to the importer by name only care of the Superintendent, Wallaceville Animal Research Station, Private Bag, Wellington, New Zealand.
- (3) That all escort bees accompanying each queen bee in each package included in the consignment are destroyed on delivery of the consignment at the address stated in paragraph (2) hereof and replaced by New Zealand escort bees.
- (4) That if on examination any bees in the consignment are found to be diseased, all the bees comprised in the consignment shall forthwith be destroyed, and the importer notified to that effect accordingly.
- (5) That all imported containers of bees in the consignment are destroyed and new containers provided, where necessary, for the despatch of the bees to the importer.

DATED at wellington this _____ day of _____, 194 .

Director of the Horticulture
Division by direction of the
Hon. Minister of Agriculture.