

22nd August, 1951.

Mr. Arthur J. Shaw,
39 Signal Hill Road,
Opoho,
DUNEDIN N.E.1.

Dear Sir,

Your letter addressed to Mr. T. Palmer-Jones, Animal Research Station, Wallaceville, regarding the importation of queen bees from Australia has been referred to the Director, Horticulture Division, for attention.

Any application for the necessary authority to import bees should be made to this office in the first place, stating the variety (race) and the number of queen bees it is proposed to import, also the name and address of the breeder of the bees. Any authority to import bees issued by this Department would be subject to a successful application for an import license from the Comptroller of Customs, Wellington.

Where authority is granted to import bees certain conditions must be complied with. A copy of the conditions is supplied with each authority issued, for despatch to the vendor by the buyer in New Zealand. (Copy attached for your information). The precautions taken under the Apiaries Regulations, 1948, are to prevent the possible introduction of bee diseases into New Zealand.

There is no evidence that the Italian bees raised on Kangaroo Island, South Australia, are as good as the best strains of Italian bees raised in New Zealand. I would therefore advise you to procure a breeding queen from any reliable queen-breeder in New Zealand.

Yours faithfully,

COPY. (SIGNED) *T.S. Winter*

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Superintendent, Beekeeping Industry.

Horticultural Superintendent, DUNEDIN.

For the information of the Apiary Instructor at Invercargill. I shall be glad if you will draw to the attention of Mr. Line the necessity for him to give producers information regarding the procedure to be adopted in making application for authority to import bees into New Zealand when they make inquiries, to save delay and unnecessary correspondence. The information is contained in The Apiaries Regulations 1948, copies of which have been supplied to all Apiary Instructors.

A copy of Mr. Shaw's letter is attached.

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COPY. (SIGNED) *T.S. Winter*

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for Director, Horticulture Division.