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13 March 1969

Mr A. Graham,  
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Coaldale,  
Alberta,  
CANADA.

Dear Mr Graham,

Reference your recent telephone call to New Zealand, regarding the import regulations into New Zealand of honey bees and appliances:

Enclosed are copies of the Apiaries Act (plus amendments) 1927, together with the Apiaries Regulations of 1952.

You will notice Section 16 of the Apiaries Act 1927 gives the Governor General of New Zealand powers to make regulations in regard to the importation of bees into this country.

These regulations were made in The Bees and Appliances (Introduction) Regulations in 1946 and were further consolidated in the Apiaries Regulations in 1952, Sections 3 and 4 applying.

While under these Regulations it is possible to import bees with a permit, in practice it has been the policy of the Department of Agriculture to refuse nearly all applications to import Queens, Bees and Appliances from any country.

Permits were issued in 1952, 1954 and 1956 for the importation of Italian Queen Bees from Australia and the U.S.A. The last permit in 1956 was for a Queen from Australia.

Since that time all applications have been refused, as a precautionary measure against the accidental introduction of the acarine mite (*Acarapis Woodi*).

Please give my personal regards to Jack (Edmonds) when next you meet him.

Yours faithfully,

Encl.

Copy to:

The Superintendent,  
Beekeeping,  
WELLINGTON.

(John Smith)  
Apiary Instructor



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PERMITS- IMPORTATION OF QUEEN BEES

THE MOST RECENT PERMITS ISSUED AUTHORIZING INTRODUCTION OF HONEY BEES (CAPIS MELLIFERA) INTO NEW ZEALAND RELATE TO ITALIAN QUEEN BEES FROM AUSTRALIA AND USA. THE PERMITS CONCERNED WERE ISSUED IN ~~1952~~ 1952, 1954 AND 1956. THE PERMIT IN RESPECT OF THE QUEEN BEE FROM AUSTRALIA BEING THE LAST TO BE ISSUED.

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