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Cap. 38.
Act
6 of 1968.

[10th May, 1918.]

1. This Act may be cited as the Bees Control Act. Short title.

Preliminary

2. In this Act— Interpre-
tation.
- “beekeepers’ stock” includes combs, hives that have been in use and other products of and things used in connection with bee-keeping;
- “disease” means the diseases known as “foul brood” and “Isle of Wight disease of bees,” and any other disease which the Minister, by notice published in the *Gazette*, may declare to be a disease for the purposes of this Act.

PART I. *Importation*

3. No bees, honey or beekeeper’s stock shall be brought within the limits of this Island save with the permission in writing of the Chief Plant Protection Officer first had and obtained, and any bees, honey, or beekeepers’ stock brought within the limits of this Island without such permission may be seized and destroyed at any time by any Customs Officer or by any officer or sub-officer of the Jamaica Constabulary Force. Permits for
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- 4.—(1) The Chief Plant Protection Officer may grant to any person leave to bring within the limits of this Island or to land in this Island any bees, honey or beekeepers’ stock in accordance with such regulations as the Minister may make and regulations may be made accordingly. Permit
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(2) On the breach of any term or condition prescribed by such regulations the Chief Plant Protection Officer may, with the approval of the Minister, destroy or cause to be destroyed any bees, honey or beekeepers' stock so brought within the limits of this Island or landed in this Island.

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of offenders.
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5. Any person bringing within the limits of this Island or landing in this Island any bees, honey or beekeepers' stock without the leave of the Chief Plant Protection Officer first had and obtained and any person failing to observe or carry out such terms and conditions as may be prescribed by or under the regulations in the last preceding section mentioned shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding one hundred dollars and in default of payment to imprisonment with or without hard labour for a term not exceeding three months.

PART II. *Protection from Disease*

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6. It shall be lawful for the Minister from time to time, by orders to be published in the *Gazette*, to—

- (a) prescribe the measures to be taken for the treatment of any disease by the owner or person having the charge or management of any apiary;
- (b) regulate the duty of persons appointed to carry out the provisions of any orders issued under this Part;
- (c) direct the destruction of any apiary infected or suspected of being infected with disease;
- (d) generally make provisions for the purpose of preventing the introduction and spread of disease or of any particular disease named in the order.