1978 No. 239

BEE DISEASES

The Importation of Bees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978

Made . . . . . 17*th August* 1978

Coming into operation . . . 2*nd October* 1978

The Department(a) of Agriculture, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 4A of the Bee Pest Prevention Act (Northern Ireland) 1945(b) (as inserted by the Bee Pest Prevention (Amendment) Act (Northern Ireland) 1955(c)) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Importation of Bees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1978 and shall come into operation on 2nd October 1978.

Revocation

2. The Importation of Bees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1955(d) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires—

"acarine disease" means any sign of infestation of the bee by the mite *Acarapis woodi* Rennie;

"amoeba disease" means that disease of the bee caused by the organism *Malpighamoeba mellificae* Prell;

"apimyasis" means those diseases of the bee caused by the larvae of dipterous flies which attack the internal organs of the bee;

"bees" means honey bees, and includes such bees at any time of their life cycle;

"brood disease" means one of those diseases of the brood of bees known as American Foul Brood, European Foul Brood, Chalk Brood, Sac Brood, Stone Brood and Varroasis in the brood;

"hives" includes any receptacle used to house bees;

"nosema disease" means that disease of the bee caused by the organism *Nosema apis* Zander;

"varroasis" means any sign of infestation of the bee caused by the mite *Varroa jacobsonii* Oudemans.

Bees from the Isle of Man and Jersey

4. Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to apply to bees originating in the Isle of Man or Jersey and imported thence directly into Northern Ireland.

(a) Formerly Ministry: *see* 1973 c. 36 s. 40 and Sch. 5 para. 8(1)
(b) 1945 c. 1 (N.I.)
(c) 1955 c. 3 (N.I.)
(d) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1955 No. 83 (p. 78)

Importation of bees

5.—(1) The importation into Northern Ireland of bees in any fixed-comb hive is hereby prohibited.

(2) The importation of bees into Northern Ireland is hereby prohibited unless each consignment is accompanied by a certificate relating thereto in the form hereinafter described, issued by the appropriate department of the country of origin of the bees and unless before the bees were despatched a copy of the certificate relating thereto shall have been forwarded by post to the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland, Dundonald House, Upper Newtownards Road, Belfast BT4 3SB.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5) of this regulation, in the case of the importation of colonies of bees the certificate required by paragraph (2) shall be in the form set out in Schedule 1 to these regulations, and shall refer to an examination which shall have been carried out not more than fourteen days before the date of despatch of the bees.

(4) Subject to paragraph (5) of this regulation, in the case of the importation of queen bees the certificate required by paragraph (2) shall be in the form set out in Schedule 2 to these regulations, and shall refer to an examination which shall have been carried out not more than 180 days before the date of despatch of the bees.

(5) Notwithstanding the revocation of the Importation of Bees Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1955, in the case of bees imported into Northern Ireland before 1st January 1979 the certificates specified by regulation 3(2) and (3) of those regulations and set out in the Schedule thereto may be substituted, as appropriate to the bees, for those specified by paragraphs (3) and (4) of this regulation and set out in Schedules 1 and 2 hereto.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of Agriculture for Northern Ireland on 17th August 1978.

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