

VENDOR DECLARATION BEES, COLONIES AND USED BEEKEEPING EQUIPMENT

(To be completed by the vendor or a person responsible for the supervision of the bees or equipment).

Beekeeper Registration N°.

I, (please print) _____

of (address - please print)

(Phone): Private _____ Work _____

advise that all of the information provided in this Declaration is true and correct.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Item	Quantity	Description

1. The items detailed above have been under my supervision for:

Less than 6 months

6 to 12 months

more than 12 months

2. Have all items been free of American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*) for at least 12 months?

Yes

No

Do not know

3. Have the hives been treated with Oxytetracycline in the last 12 months?

Yes

No

Do not know

If yes, date of treatment(s)/...../..... /...../..... /...../.....

4. **Have the items been exposed to any substance which is toxic to bees or humans?**

Yes No Do not know

If yes, name of substance:

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Date of exposure/...../.....

WHY IS A VENDOR DECLARATION NEEDED?

To give the purchaser of bees or beekeeping equipment confidence that the items they are to acquire are free from AFB or have not been exposed to any substance which would be deleterious to the health of bees or likely to cause residues in apiary products.

SOME SUGGESTED PROCEDURES

It is recommended that all purchasers of beehives take the following precautions before purchase:

Check the brood box of all hives for signs of AFB;

If AFB is suspected, prepare a microscope slide with a sample of the suspected diseased larvae and send to a NSW Agriculture Veterinary Laboratory for examination; and

Retain a copy of this Declaration.

If AFB is evident within 21 days of purchase bring matter to the notice of the vendor and implement appropriate action; also notify an apiary inspector of the presence of AFB.

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