

**COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 1044/2013****of 25 October 2013****amending Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 as regards the model veterinary certificate for consignments of queen bees and queen bumble bees****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/65/EEC of 13 July 1992 laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A(I) to Directive 90/425/EEC<sup>(1)</sup>, and in particular Article 17(2)(b) and Article 19(b) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) Directive 92/65/EEC lays down the animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Union of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to the animal health requirements laid down in the specific acts of the Union referred to in Annex F thereto.
- (2) Varroosis in bees is listed in Annex B to Directive 92/65/EEC. It is caused by ectoparasitic mites of the genus *Varroa* and has been reported worldwide.
- (3) Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010<sup>(2)</sup> lays down the veterinary certification requirements for the introduction of consignments of certain live animals into the Union. Part 2 of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 sets out the veterinary certificate QUE to be used for consignments of queen bees and queen bumble bees (*Apis mellifera* and *Bombus* spp.).
- (4) Certain territories of Member States have been recognised as free from varroosis by Commission Implementing

Decision 2013/503/EU<sup>(3)</sup>. The additional guarantees required in trade laid down in that Decision for the protection of the varroosis-free status of those territories provide that Member States are to prohibit the introduction of consignments of queen bees and their attendants into the Union, where their final destination is a varroosis-free territory.

- (5) The veterinary certificate QUE set out in Part 2 to Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (6) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

*Article 1*

In Part 2 of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, the veterinary certificate QUE is replaced by the text set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

*Article 2*

For a transitional period until 30 May 2014, the introduction into the Union of consignments of bees referred to in Article 7(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 accompanied by a veterinary certificate completed and signed in accordance with model QUE set out in Part 2 of Annex IV to Regulation (EU) No 206/2010, in its version before the date of entry into force of this Regulation, shall be authorised.

*Article 3*

This Regulation shall enter into force on the twentieth day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 268, 14.9.1992, p. 54.

<sup>(2)</sup> Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 of 12 March 2010 laying down lists of third countries, territories or parts thereof authorised for the introduction into the European Union of certain animals and fresh meat and the veterinary certification requirements (OJ L 73, 20.3.2010, p. 1).

<sup>(3)</sup> Commission Implementing Decision 2013/503/EU of 11 October 2013 recognising parts of the Union as free from varroosis in bees and establishing additional guarantees required in intra-Union trade and imports for the protection of their varroosis-free status (OJ L 273, 15.10.2013, p. 38).

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 25 October 2013.

*For the Commission*  
*The President*  
José Manuel BARROSO

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## ANNEX

### ‘Model QUE

## COUNTRY

### Veterinary certificate to EU

|   |   |  |          |  |   |  |                                |  |                       |
|---|---|--|----------|--|---|--|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Part I: Details of dispatched consignment                                   | I.1. Consignor<br>Name<br>Address<br><br>Tel.   |  |          |  | I.2. Certificate reference No                     |  | I.2.a.                         |  |                       |
|   |   |  |          |  | I.3. Central competent authority                  |  |                                |  |                       |
|   |   |  |          |  | I.4. Local competent authority                    |  |                                |  |                       |
|   | I.5. Consignee<br>Name<br>Address<br><br>Postal code<br>Tel.  |  |          |  |   |  |                                |  |                       |
|   | I.7. Country of origin  |  | ISO code |  |   |  |                                |  | I.8. Region of origin |
|   | I.9. Country of destination   |  | ISO code |  | I.10. Region of destination                       |  | Code                           |  |                       |
|   | I.11. Place of origin<br><br>Name<br>Address<br><br>Approval number   |  |          |  | I.12. Place of destination                        |  |                                |  |                       |
|   | I.13. Place of loading<br><br>Address<br><br>Approval number  |  |          |  | I.14. Date of departure                           |  |                                |  |                       |
|   | I.15. Means of transport<br><br>Aeroplane <input type="checkbox"/> Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Railway wagon <input type="checkbox"/><br>Road vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/><br>Identification<br>Documentary references |  |          |  | I.16. Entry BIP in EU<br><br>I.17. No(s) of CITES |  |                                |  |                       |
|   | I.18. Description of commodity  |  |          |  |   |  | I.19. Commodity code (HS code) |  |                       |
|   |   |  |          |  |   | 01.06.41   |                                |  |                       |
|   |   |  |          |  |   | I.20. Quantity   |                                |  |                       |
| I.21.   |   |  |          |  |   | I.22. Number of packages                                       |                                |  |                       |
| I.23. Identification of container/seal number                               |   |  |          |  |   | I.24.  |                                |  |                       |
| I.25. Commodities certified for:<br><br>Breeding <input type="checkbox"/>   |   |  |          |  |   |  |                                |  |                       |
| I.26.   |   |  |          |  |   | I.27. For import or admission into EU <input type="checkbox"/> |                                |  |                       |
| I.28. Identification of the commodities<br><br>Species<br>(scientific name) |   |  |          |  |   |  |                                |  |                       |

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| II. Health information | II.a. Certificate reference number | II.b. |
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## II.1. Animal Health attestation

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the animals referred to in Part I of this certificate meet the following requirements:

II.1.1. they come from the territory with code: ..... <sup>(1)</sup> in which, American foulbrood, the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) and the Tropilaelaps mite (*Tropilaelaps* spp.) are notifiable diseases/pests.

II.1.2. they:

(a) come from a breeding apiary, which is supervised and controlled by the competent authority;

(b) come from an area which is not subject to any restrictions associated with an occurrence of American foulbrood, and where no such occurrence has taken place within at least 30 days prior to the issuance of the present certificate. Where an outbreak of American foulbrood has occurred previously, all hives within a radius of three kilometres have been checked by the competent authority and all infected hives burned or treated and inspected to the satisfaction of the said competent authority within 30 days following the last recorded case;

(c) are from hives or come from hives or colonies (in the case of bumble bees) from which samples of the comb have been tested in the last 30 days for American foulbrood as laid down in the OIE Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for terrestrial Animals with negative results;

(d) come from an area of at least 100 km radius which is not subject to any restrictions associated with the occurrence of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) or *Tropilaelaps* spp., and where these infestations are absent;

(e) are from hives or come from hives or colonies (in the case of bumble bees), which were inspected immediately prior to dispatch and show no clinical signs or suspicion of disease including infestations affecting bees;

(f) Have undergone detailed examinations to ensure that all bees and packaging do not contain the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) or their eggs and larvae, or other infestations, in particular *Tropilaelaps* spp., affecting bees.

II.1.3. the packaging material, queen cages, accompanying products and food are new and have not been in contact with diseased bees or brood-combs, and all precautions have been taken to prevent contamination with agents causing diseases or infestations of bees.

## Notes

## Part I:

— Box reference I.12: the introduction of queen bees and their accompanying attendants (*Apis mellifera*) is not authorised into the territories of Member States listed in the third column of the table set out in the Annex to Commission Implementing Decision 2013/503/EU (OJ L 273, 15.10.2013, p. 38).

— Box reference I.20: Number of queen bees (*Apis mellifera* and *Bombus* spp.). Each queen bee may be accompanied by a maximum of 20 attendants.

## Part II:

<sup>(1)</sup> Code of the territory as it appears in Part 1 of Annex II or Section 1 of Part 1 of Annex IV to Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010.

Official veterinarian/Official inspector

Name (in capital letters):

Qualification and title:

Date:

Signature:

Stamp: