

## CHAPTER 27

### Article 1

#### BEE REGULATIONS

##### **27-1. Definitions.**

- A. "Area" means apiary, beeyard, colony, organized or otherwise, or any other place where bees are found to colonize.
- B. "Commission" means S. C. State Crop Pest Commission, as designated by the Board of Trustees of Clemson University or any other officers, employees, or designees thereof to whom authority has been given by such commission.
- C. "Director" means Director of Regulatory and Public Service Programs, Clemson University.
- D. "Disease" means any contagious and infectious disease, including but not limited to American Foulbrood, European Foulbrood, Isle of Wight disease, and/or any pests and parasites including, but not limited to Varroa mite, Tracheal mite, Africanized bee, etc.
- E. "Division" means Division of Regulatory and Public Service Programs, Clemson University, and any other of its employees, agents and officials.
- F. "Fixtures" means all new/used equipment, products, or by-products used in beekeeping including, but not limited to, honey, hives, combs, supers, frames, etc. and other appliances.

##### **27-2. Quarantine Imposed on Areas Where Disease Exists.**

- A. A quarantine is hereby placed by the Commission on all areas where disease of bees is known to exist. Also, hereafter such a quarantine shall become effective in all areas where any disease is discovered.
- B. The removal of any and all bees and fixtures from such quarantined areas is hereby prohibited until such time as the Commission declares that the disease is eradicated. Provided that the Commission may issue permits for the movement of bees and/or fixtures, before such a declaration, when in the judgment of Commission, such movements will decrease the danger that other bees and fixtures will become diseased, or which will in other ways result in increased protection of the beekeeping interests of the State.
- C. The movement of bees and fixtures from areas under quarantine is prohibited, even when permitted as above, until such bees and fixtures are first treated in a manner prescribed and approved by the Commission.

##### **27-3. Prohibition Against Exposure of Bees and Fixtures to Infected Areas.**

The exposure of diseased and/or quarantined bees or fixtures to any other bees and fixtures, diseased or not, is prohibited.

##### **27-4. Restrictions on Transactions Involving Queen Bees and Attendants.**

The sale, bartering or shipment of queen bees and their attendant bees within this State is prohibited, except when accompanied by a current certificate or copy thereof from the Commission, issued within 60 days of shipment certifying that the bees and the area from which such queen bees are shipped are free from disease, and that the honey used in making the candy employed in the mailing cages, has been diluted and properly

boiled in tightly closed vessels.

**27-5. Restrictions on Shipments of Honey from Apiary Infected with American Foulbrood.**

A. The shipment, transportation or movement of honey from an area infected with American Foulbrood or which is under quarantine for this disease, except when such honey is contained in new tin honey cans, free from leaks and free from all traces of honey on the outside and securely crated, is hereby forbidden. All such shipments must be accompanied by a certificate stating that the honey originated in an area infected with American Foulbrood, and that it cannot be sold or used for feeding bees within the State of South Carolina.

B. The gift, sale or offer for sale within the State of South Carolina of honey products in any area which is infected with American Foulbrood or which is under quarantine by the South Carolina State Crop Pest Commission for sale is hereby prohibited.

C. This regulation does not dilute or change the effect of Section 27-2 Quarantines for any fixtures except "honey". This regulation controls for the purpose of shipping honey when infected by American Foulbrood or which comes from an area quarantined for same.

**27-6. Centers of Infected and Dangerous Zones.**

Any area in the State in which bees are found to be infected with any disease is declared to be the center of an infected and dangerous zone. Such zone shall extend for two miles in every direction from the center, and all bees and fixtures within this zone are declared to be exposed to the disease. The movement of bees into or within such zone and the removal therefrom of bees and fixtures, is prohibited except as authorized by the Commission or unless a current certificate (60 days), issued by the Commission, indicates they are apparently free from disease. Primitive box or other types of hives which do not allow the ready removal of all frames and combs for the purpose of inspection are prohibited within these zones.

**27-7. Application for Inspection for Permit to Transport.**

All persons, firms or corporations desiring to have their bees or fixtures inspected in order to obtain transportation permits shall make application, whenever possible, before April 1 of each year.

**27-8. Issuance of Permit to Locate Bees and Fixtures.**

Entry Permits required by 46-37-10 will be issued when the following conditions are met.

A. The State Entomologist receives a certificate from the official apiary inspector of the state of origin certifying:

(1) that the apiaries of the shipper have been inspected within 60 days of the date of shipment; and

(2) that no American or European Foulbrood or other diseases have been found in the apiaries of the supplier; and

(3) that the Varroa mite (*Varroa jacobsoni*), tracheal mite Africanized bee or any other parasites of bees deemed harmful by the State Entomologist do not exist on such shipment.

B. A satisfactory description of the final destination and location of bees and fixtures is furnished by the supplier so that the State Entomologist or any of his agents can easily locate them.

C. Entry Permits will not be granted for movement of bees or fixtures into South Carolina from any state which refuses entrance of bees or fixtures from the State of South Carolina.