

2009 Compliance Agreement for Producers Selling Queen Bees & Packaged Bees (*Apis mellifera*) in North Carolina

- I. Individuals, corporations, or firms desiring to sell bees in North Carolina shall first apply for a permit to sell bees. Permit forms may be obtained from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (NCDA&CS). The permitting period will be from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Permit applications must be on a form provided by the Plant Industry Division of the NCDA&CS.

All apiaries must be inspected to conform to the standards approved by the regulatory agency in the shipping state. A current health certificate must be issued certifying the apiary (ies). The NCDA&CS reserves the right to perform inspections to determine disease and pest status as deemed necessary.

- II. As a queen/package producer interested in marketing bees in North Carolina, my company hereby agrees to follow these procedures:

If Africanized bees become established within a 50 mile radius of the queen producing yard, this compliance agreement will not be executed

- A. To sell only queens/packages that have been produced directly by this company only at locations approved by the NCDA&CS and not to sell bees obtained from other locations or sources.
- B. To maintain a record of sales made to North Carolina customers. Upon request, the producer shall provide a list of all shipments made to North Carolina within the preceding 60 days. This list should include the quantity of units obtained, the address (es), and name(s) of the supplier(s) and the dates of shipment.
- C. All hives that will be used for queen/package production must either be treated for control of Varroa mites, and any new pests, using currently registered materials or be actively involved in a breeding program to raise Varroa tolerant stock.
- D. NCDA&CS continues to regard the small hive beetle to be detrimental to the North Carolina beekeeping industry. Presently, hive treatment for the small hive beetle is not effective enough to give **reasonable** assurance that this pest is not spread through packages. Therefore, in order **not** to assist the spread of this pest, any applicant within a 15 mile radius of a positive find of the small hive beetle must notify the buyer that **SHB has been found in the vicinity of the producer's yard**.
- E. Any applicant will be considered in compliance only after certification by the inspection service of the resident state.

Name _____
Address _____
Phone () _____
Signature _____ Date _____



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Commissioner