Apiculture Products Exported to the EU for Reasons other than Human Consumption

Regulation (EC) 1774/2002 covers the importation of products of apiculture (products of bees) into the EU for purposes other than human consumption. The EU defines apiculture products as honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis, or pollen USED in bee keeping.

Products derived from bees for purposes such as human consumption, are not considered animal by-products (for the purposes of EU import regulations).

Currently apiculture products (used in bee keeping) produced in the continental United States are not eligible for export to the EU under Regulation (EC) 1774/2002. (Some products certified by FDA may be eligible- see below).

Veterinary Services cannot provide endorsement of product certificates for apiculture products produced in the continental US exported to the EU.

Other Bee Products Exported to the EU for Human Consumption

Other bee products, e.g., honey, exported to the EU for human consumption may not be endorsed by Veterinary Services. These products must be endorsed by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Exporters should contact Marilyn Balmer of the FDA at 301-436-1492 for details.