

**PROTOCOL**  
**CONDITIONS FOR THE IMPORTATION OF LIVE HONEYBEE QUEENS *Apis Mellifera***  
**FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO BARBADOS**

The shipment must be accompanied by a certificate issued within 14 days of export and endorsed by the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA, APHIS).

**I. Origin**

- a. Country of origin and competent authority
- b. Name and address of exporter
- c. Name and address of producing beekeeper
- d. Place of origin of the honeybee queens
- e. Port of departure

**II. Destination**

Name and address of consignee

**III. Description:**

Health Certificate Number

Number of queens shipped (total)

Number of queen cages/box

Number of attendants/queen

Type of feed provided (if any) (if honey, irradiation certificate must accompany shipment)

**IV. CERTIFICATION STATEMENTS**

1. The United States of America or the state of origin is free from reports of the Asian honey bee (*Apis cerana*) or Asian honey bee hybrids and free from reports of the African honey (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) and Africanized honey bees hybrids including European honey bee hybrids with Africanized bees.
2. The parasitic mites *Varroa jacobsoni*, *Acarapis woodi* and *Tropilaelaps clareae* and amyiasis are not known to occur in the country or state of origin.
3. All queens originate from colonies were inspected within 90 days of export by a qualified Official Inspector and found to be free from clinical evidence of American foulbrood (AFB), European foulbrood (EFB), Nosemosis, Sacbrood disease, chalkbrood disease and all other regulated infectious or contagious diseases.
4. Colonies were assessed for Varroa mites (*Varroa destructor*) by alcohol washing of bee samples (minimum 5% colonies or 200-300 bees/colony) and either (specify):
  - a) Varroa was not detected, or was under 1% bees tested, or
  - b) Varroa was detected in over 1% bees tested and the bee colonies in the queen rearing apiaries were treated with \_\_\_\_\_, a product that is registered in the United States. Treated colonies were retested prior to collecting the queens and attendants to confirm that the level of Varroa is below 1%.
5. Within 90 days of export, all packing and shipping location(s) on the apiary premises from which queen bees are derived were inspected by an Official Inspector for small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*), with negative results.  
*[All materials for shipping must be prepared and stored in the small hive beetle free inspected location(s) on the apiary premises until use. If any shipping materials (including but not limited to shipping boxes and queen cages) are prepared in advance of the shipment date, they must be stored for a minimum of 72 hours prior to shipment in a freezer at 0F (-18C) located in the inspection location(s)].*
6. All queens and attendants were caught and placed in new queen cages with ventilation holes no larger than 2mm x 2mm or if longer than 2mm are no wider than 1mm. Worker bee attendants (2-6 attendants per queen)

were placed in individual queen cages with the queen and not loose in a battery box. Queen cages filled with queens and attendants were stored in a designated and inspected packing and shipping location(s) until shipping.

7. Food supplies to the bees during transit [does not contain honey] or [contains honey which has been irradiated to approved levels]. (Please indicate whichever is appropriate).

#### **V. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

1. The shipment will be inspected in Barbados at the port of entry and released subject to documentary and physical inspection.
2. The failure of the shipment to meet all the conditions of this permit or a lack of appropriate certification may result in destruction of the shipment.
3. The certificate must be in English and the certificate number must appear on all pages of the certificate as well as the official stamp of the certifying authority.
4. At least forty-eight hours (48 hours) notification of the arrival of the shipment must be forwarded to the Veterinary Services.



Health Certificate No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Name and address of exporter: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Name and address of producing beekeeper: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

d. Place of origin of the honeybee queens: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

e. Port of departure: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Destination**

Name and address of consignee: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**III. Description:**

Number of queens shipped (total) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of queen cages/box \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of attendants/queen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Type of feed provided (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ (if honey, irradiation certificate must accompany shipment)

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**IV. ISSUING OFFICIAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**V. ENDORSING APHIS OFFICIAL**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Valid only if USDA seal appears over the signature.