



IMPORTATION OF BEES

Conditions for Importation:

The permit is issued subject to the conditions stated below. The Veterinary Authority of the Virgin Islands reserves the right to render this permit void at any time when in its judgment, such is deemed necessary.

- (1) Permission for entry will only be granted if the bee(s) is/are accompanied by an export health certificate issued by the **veterinary authority** of the country of origin stating:-
 - a) The bee(s) showed no clinical signs of Acariasis or Nosemosis on the day of shipment.
 - b) Brood-combs showed no clinical signs of American Foulbrood or European Foulbrood.
 - c) Brood-combs and bee(s) show no signs of the presence of Varroasis on the day of shipment.
 - d) Bee(s) and brood-combs come from the hive(s) or an apiary controlled and approved for at least the past two (2) years by the veterinary authority responsible for the application of sanitary measures and diagnostic tests.
 - e) **ALL REQUIRED CONDITIONS MUST BE MET AND ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTS (IMPORT PERMIT, VETERINARY HEALTH CERTIFICATE, LAB TEST RESULTS ETC). MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE PORT OF ENTRY, TO FACILITATE VETERINARY CLEARANCE.**
 - f) **THE VETERINARY DIVISION MUST BE GIVEN AT LEAST 24 HOURS NOTICE OF CONFIRMED ARRIVAL DATE, TIME, AIRLINE/VESSEL AND THE PORT OF ENTRY. THIS WILL FACILITATE UNNECESSARY DELAYS AND AVOID DETENTION OF ANIMAL(S) FOR VETERINARY CLEARANCE AT THE PORT OF ENTRY. THEREFORE, THE GRANTING OF A PERMIT FOR THE ANIMAL(S) TO BE PRESENTED FOR INSPECTION TO ENTER THE VIRGIN ISLANDS DOES NOT SIGNIFY AUTOMATIC ENTRY.**
 - g) Upon submission of the application, the specified fee schedule will be applied.

***An official health certificate is a document issued and certified by a veterinarian working full time with the government of the country of origin (e.g. USDA, Canadian Food Inspection Agency, DEFRA, etc.). The document may be filled out and signed by a licensed veterinarian, but must also be endorsed by a government veterinarian.**

Please be advised, these requirements are subject to change since animal disease status in various countries is dynamic. Therefore, the granting of permission for animals to enter the Virgin Islands does not signify automatic entry. It is your responsibility to contact the Veterinary Division, Department of Agriculture and Fisheries to confirm these conditions are current.

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