



ST. HELENA

CHAPTER 98

BEES ORDINANCE and Subsidiary Legislation

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CHAPTER 98
BEES ORDINANCE

(Ordinance 1 of 1995 and 16 of 2011)

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CONTROL OF PESTS AND DISEASES AFFECTING BEES.

Commencement
[25 April 1995]

Short title

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Bees Ordinance.

Interpretation

2. (1) In this Ordinance—
“authorised person”² ...
“Agricultural Authority”³ means the person referred to in section 2A;
“bee product” means a natural product of the activities of bees (such as, for example, honey or beeswax) in its natural state;
“bees” includes bees in any stage of their life cycle.
(2) If a penalty is set out at the foot of a section or subsection of this Ordinance it means that a contravention of the section or subsection, whether by act or omission, is an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding the amount stated.

² Definition of “authorised person” repealed by Ord. 16 of 2011

³ Definition of “Agricultural Authority” inserted by Ord. 16 of 2011

Agricultural Authority and delegation of powers

2A.⁴ (1) For purposes of the administration of this Ordinance, the Agricultural Authority shall be the person appointed by the Governor under section 2A of the Animal (Diseases) Ordinance, Cap. 96.

(2) The functions of the Agricultural Authority may be performed by any other public officer authorised by the Agricultural Authority in that behalf and acting in accordance with such general or special directions as he may give from time to time.

Control of pests and diseases affecting bees

3. (1) The Governor in Council may make regulations to prevent pests and diseases affecting bees being introduced into or spreading within St. Helena.

(2) Without prejudice to the generality of subsection (1), regulations made under that subsection may—

- (a) prohibit or regulate the importation into or movement within St. Helena of bees and combs, bee products, hives, containers or other appliances used in connection with keeping or transporting bees, and of any other thing which has or may have been exposed to infection with any pest or disease to which the regulations apply; and
- (b) make provision with respect to any of the matters specified in the Schedule.

Powers of authorised persons

4.⁵ (1) The Agricultural Authority may examine any bees or other things subject to control under regulations made under section 3, and may take samples of them to see if they are free from infection.

(2) If bees or other things subject to control under regulations made under section 3 are found to be infected, or to have been exposed to infection, with any pest or disease to which the regulations apply, the Agricultural Authority may destroy them, or cause them to be destroyed, by such means as he thinks fit.

(3) Without prejudice to subsection (2), if any bees or other things are imported into St. Helena in contravention of regulations made under section 3 the Agricultural Authority may destroy them, or cause them to be destroyed, by such means as he thinks fit, and may do so with or without first allowing an opportunity for them to be re-exported.

(4) Compensation is not payable in respect of the exercise of the powers conferred by subsections (1) and (3).

Power of entry

5.⁶ (1) For the purpose of exercising a power conferred upon him by this Ordinance the Agricultural Authority may at any time enter—

- (a) any premises or other place; or
- (b) any vessel, boat, hovercraft, aircraft or vehicle of any other description, on or in which he has reasonable grounds for supposing there are or have been any bees or other things subject to control by regulations made under section 3.

⁴ Section 2A inserted by Ord. 16 of 2011

⁵ Section 4 amended by Ord. 16 of 2011

⁶ Section 5 amended by Ord. 16 of 2011

(2) A person seeking to enter any premises or other place, or any vessel, boat, hovercraft, aircraft or other vehicle in exercise of the power of entry under subsection (1), must, if so required by or on behalf of the owner or occupier or person in charge, produce evidence of his authority before entering.

Offences

6.⁷ (1) A person shall not—

- (a) import any bees or other things into St. Helena in contravention of regulations made under section 3; or
- (b) move any bees or other things within St. Helena in contravention of any such regulation; or
- (c) otherwise contravene or fail to comply with any such regulations or with any conditions imposed by any licence issued under any such regulations; or
- (d) intentionally obstruct a person acting in exercise of the power of entry under section 5.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £5,000, or to imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or to both.

SCHEDULE

(Section 3(2)(b))

SPECIFIC MATTERS WITH RESPECT TO WHICH PROVISION MAY BE MADE BY REGULATIONS UNDER SECTIONS 3

1. The conditions to be observed before, during and after importation.
2. Exemption from prohibitions on importation in the regulations by means of licences (whether general or specific and whether conditional or unconditional) issued in accordance with the regulations (whether on or before importation).
3. The revocation of any licence issued in accordance with the regulations and the variation of any condition attached to a licence so issued.
4. Securing information with respect to—
 - (a) the persons who keep bees;
 - (b) the occurrence of any pest or disease to which the regulations apply;
 - (c) the country or place of origin or consignment, contracts in transit and destination of any bees or other things subject to control under the regulations (whether the information is required on, before or following their importation into or transportation within St. Helena);
 - (d) any other matter relevant to determining whether any bees or other things subject to control under the regulations have been exposed to infection with any pest or disease to which the regulations apply.

⁷ Section 6 substituted by Ord. 16 of 2011

5. The circumstances in which and the time when any bees or other things brought into St. Helena are to be regarded for the purposes of the Ordinance as being imported into St. Helena.

6. Treatment of any bees found to be infected or to have been exposed to infection with any pest or disease to which the regulations apply.

7. Cleansing and disinfection.

8. Marking of hives or other containers for identification.

9.⁸ Imposition of fees and recovery of costs.

10. Payment of compensation for bees or other things subject to control destroyed in accordance with section 4(2).

11. Any matter incidental or supplementary to any matter mentioned above.

⁸ *Item 9 substituted by Ord. 16 of 2011*

BEES REGULATIONS – SECTION 3

(Legal Notice 12 of 1996)

Commencement

[1 August 1996]

Short title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Bees Regulations.

Prohibition on the Importation of bees, etc.

2. (1) No person shall, unless authorised by a licence granted by the Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer⁹, import into St. Helena any of the following—

- (a) bees and combs;
- (b) bee products;
- (c) hives, containers or other appliances used in connection with the keeping or transportation of bees or bee products; and
- (d) any other thing which has or may have been exposed to infection with any pest or disease to which these regulations apply.

(2) A licence issued in accordance with this regulation shall be subject to such conditions as the Chief Agricultural and Natural Resources Officer shall think fit.

(3) In this regulation—

“**bee products**” include bee semen, wax foundation, honey, royal jelly, propolis and any other bee related product; and

“**bees**” include all queens, workers and drones.

⁹ Gazette Notice No. 63 of 1 July 2011: Title changed to Director of Agriculture and Natural Resources