

Arab Republic of Egypt
Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation
Minister's Office

Ministerial Decree
No. (1600) for the Year 2005

Minister of Agriculture and Land Reclamation

After perusal of Law No. "53" for the year 1966.

The Ministerial Decree No. 3007 for the year 2001 relevant to the rules of the Egyptian agricultural quarantine that included determining the areas for the breeding and production of honey bee and the conditions for entering the country.

The Ministerial Decree No. 1564 for the year 2005,

And the two letters of the Central Department for Agricultural Quarantine nos. 8574 dated 19/11/2005, and 22677 dated 14/12/2005.

Resolved the following:

Article 1

The text of articles No. 59 of the above mentioned Ministerial Decree No. 3007 for the year 2001 shall be substituted with the following text:

"a – It is prohibited to import bees from abroad in any form whatsoever (including queens – cells – packaged parcels) but it is permissible, pursuant to a permission from the Central Administration for Plant Quarantine, to approve importation of honey (pollen grains – royal jelly and Propolis) according to the following conditions:

1. Importation from an entity which obtained a certificate authenticated by an international organization stating that the consignment is free from any pathogens or insect diseases that can be a threat to the honey bees wealth in Egypt.
 2. All quarantine procedures shall be conducted on all imported consignments, and that the necessary tests shall be conducted in the central laboratory for detecting pesticides residues and heavy substances, along with the issuance of the necessary certificate from the lab evidencing the validity of these consignments and that they are free from these residues. Also, it should be confirmed that these consignments correspond to the Egyptian standard specifications, in addition to conducting a microbiological test proving that the honey is free from pathogens causing American foulbrood and European foulbrood diseases and the importer shall be charged of the expenses thereof.
- b. It is prohibited to get or enter honey from abroad by passengers.
- c. All consignments of honey exported abroad should be presented to the agricultural quarantine for conducting all tests and analysis on all consignments they receive and the exporter shall be charged of the expenses thereof".

Article 2

The above mentioned Ministerial Decree No. 1564 for the year 2005 shall be revoked and any other text contradicting this Decree.

Article 3

The present Decree shall be issued in AL-Wakayeh Al-Mesreya /Government Bulletin and shall be put into force effective the date of its publication

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