

THE BEES CONTROL ACT

ORDER
(under section 6)

THE BEES (PROTECTION FROM DISEASE) ORDER, 1940

(Made by the Governor on the 6th day of August, 1940)

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1. This Order may be cited as the Bees (Protection from Disease) Order, 1940.

2. On or before the 31st day of January in each year or within thirty days after the establishment of a new apiary consisting of one or more hive of bees every person possessing or having the charge or management of any apiary or hive of bees within the Island shall report in writing to the Chief Plant Protection Officer—

- (i) the number of apiaries in his charge or possession;
- (ii) the number of hives and colonies in each apiary;
- (iii) the place, district and parish in which each apiary is situated.

3. No owner or person having the charge or management of any colony or hive of bees or apiary within the Island shall keep or maintain any colony of bees in any hive which is not equipped with movable frames for the combs and/or in any manner or condition which prevents or obstructs the examination of the brood and combs of such colony for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not the same is infected with "Foul Brood" or other disease of bees.

4. When any hive or colony of bees in any part of the Island of Jamaica is found to be infected or is suspected to be infected with "Foul Brood Disease of Bees" or other disease of bees within the meaning of the Act, the owner or person in charge of such hive or colony of bees shall immediately notify the Chief Plant Protection Officer in writing of the presence or suspicion of such disease and forthwith entirely destroy such hive or colony with fire. The stands or other fixtures on which such hives have been kept shall also be burnt with fire or tarred completely with hot tar.

5. A person, appointed by the Governor-General to carry out the provisions of the Act or any order issued thereunder, is empowered to destroy forthwith any colonies of bees and the hives or parts thereof which he finds on inspection to be infected with "Foul Brood Disease of Bees" and/or other disease of bees within the meaning of the Act.

6. When in the opinion of the Chief Plant Protection Officer any apiary, by reason of its infection with "Foul Brood Disease of Bees" and/or other disease of bees within the meaning of the Act, is a menace to the health of any other apiary in the same locality, or the general welfare of the beekeeping industry of the Island, the Chief Plant Protection Officer is hereby authorized and empowered to destroy such apiary in such manner and under such conditions as he may deem fit and proper.