

Bees Act

R.R.O. 1990, REGULATION 57

GENERAL

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Registration

1. (1) Every beekeeper shall provide to the Provincial Apiarist, with the beekeeper's application for the issue or renewal of a certificate of registration, a return stating,

(a) the beekeeper's name and address;

(b) the location of each apiary of the beekeeper in Ontario;

(c) the name, address and telephone number of the owner or tenant of the land where each apiary is located;

(d) the municipal address or legal description of the land where each apiary is located together with sufficient detail to locate the apiary on the land; and

(e) the number of hives maintained in each apiary. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 1 (1).

(2) The Provincial Apiarist shall keep a register of all beekeepers in Ontario showing the information set out in subsection (1). R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 1 (2).

1.1 Beekeepers who own or possess beekeeping equipment but do not own or possess bees are exempt from the requirement for a certificate of registration under section 21 of the Act. O. Reg. 435/95, s. 1.

Diseases

2. The following diseases are designated as a disease for the purposes of the Act:

1. Acarine disease, being the disease of bees caused by the tracheal mite known as *Acarapis woodi*.

2. Varroaosis, being the disease of bees caused by the external mite *Varroa jacobsoni*. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 2.

Pests

2.1 The small hive beetle known as *Aethina tumida* is designated as a pest for the purposes of the Act. O. Reg. 426/10, s. 1.

Records

3. (1) The records kept by every beekeeper shall include,

(a) a copy of the beekeeper's application for the issue or renewal of a certificate of registration for the year of registration;

(b) a copy of the return provided under section 1 to the Provincial Apiarist with such application; and

(c) the period of time each apiary is at each location. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 3 (1).

(2) The records kept by every person who sells bees shall include,

(a) the name and address of every person to whom the seller sells bees;

(b) the quantity of bees sold;

(c) the date of shipment of the bees;

(d) the place from which the bees were shipped;

(e) the name and address of every person from whom the seller has purchased bees;

(f) the quantity of bees purchased;

(g) the date of receipt of each shipment of bees purchased; and

(h) a copy of all permits issued by the Provincial Apiarist for any bees sold or received. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 3 (2).

Returns by Beekeepers

4. (1) Every person who sells bees shall make a return to the Provincial Apiarist in writing stating the name and address of the buyer, the quantities of bees or package bees sold and the date of shipment of each quantity. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 4 (1).

(2) The return shall be made within thirty days of the date of sale of the bees or package bees. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 4 (2).

Report of Inspector

5. (1) Subject to subsection (2), each inspector shall report to the Provincial Apiarist within ten days of each inspection of an apiary. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 5 (1).

(2) An inspector who finds colonies of bees infected with American foul brood, acarine disease or varroaosis shall immediately notify in writing the Provincial Apiarist of the location and number of the colonies so infected and the name and address of the owner. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 5 (2).

Signs

6. Each beekeeper shall post conspicuously within every apiary which the beekeeper owns a sign not less than 24 centimetres in height and 50 centimetres in width showing the beekeeper's name and address in letters and numbers large enough to be readily visible. R.R.O. 1990, Reg. 57, s. 6.

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