



Voluntary Apiary Pre-Inspection Program Compliance Agreement July 2019

Shipping to Counties that will not Accept Small Hive Beetle (*Aethina tumida*)

- Shipper will segregate and identify any colonies intended to be shipped to destined to a California county that does not accept Small Hive Beetle (SHB). A listing of California county policies regarding SHB may be found at: <https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/plant/pollinators/docs/CountySmallHiveBeetlePolicy.pdf>.
- For colonies destined to counties that will not accept SHB, the shipper will contact the North Dakota Department of Agriculture (NDDA) for a hive inspection to be performed no more than 60 days before the shipment is to be shipped to California.
- Colonies found infested with SHB by NDDA may only be shipped to counties indicating they will accept SHB under this protocol.

Preparation of Staging area

- The shipper shall notify the NDDA of the locations of inspection sites and approximate number of colonies to be inspected by October 14, 2019.
- Inspection sites must be free of active insect infestations and weeds that may infest colonies or be loaded with colonies or pallets for shipment. At the certifying official's discretion, colonies placed in staging areas infested with insect or weed infestations may be disqualified from certification for this program.
- All colonies to be certified shall be placed in staging areas and arranged in manner to allow the certifying official to inspect the exterior of all hives and associated pallets.
- After inspection, certified colonies shall remain in the staging area until shipped directly to California unless authorized by NDDA. Certified colonies moved to alternate sites without authorization will be disqualified from this program.

Cleaning and Preparation of Colonies Prior to Inspection

- The shipper will clean all the exterior of all colonies, pallets and other beekeeping equipment to be certified under this program in a manner that will remove all soil, plant material, rotting wood, and other debris capable of harboring weeds or live insects.
- After cleaning, the shipper will visually inspect the exterior of all materials to be certified for live insects (other than honeybees) and weeds.

- If live insects or weeds are found by the shipper or certifying official, the infestation must be removed, or the infested colonies must be segregated from the colonies to be certified so not to infest pest-free colonies.

Certificates and Tracking Log

- Shippers shall make photocopies of original certificate, issued by the certifying official, to accompany each shipment destined to California under this program.
- At the time of shipment, the shipper shall complete:
 - Certificate Number (certificate numbers shall be sequential starting at 001)
 - Colonies in this Shipment
 - Date of Shipment
- The shipper shall complete the tracking log for each certificate issued.
- After all certified colonies have been shipped to California, the shipper shall mail all original tracking logs to CDFA – Pest Exclusion Exterior Program, 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814 for reconciliation.

By signing this document, I agree to adhere to the above conditions and understand deviation from these conditions may result in colonies being deemed ineligible for certification or my inability to participate in this program. I further understand CDFA reserves the right to inspect certified apiary colonies at its border protection stations for quality assurance purposes as deemed necessary.

Participant (Shipper) Name:	Participant (shipper) Phone Number:
Participant (Shipper) Mailing Address:	
Participant (Shipper) Signature:	Date:
Issuing Official Name:	Issuing Official Signature:
Agreement Number:	