



ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN
MINISTRY OF JIHAD – E – AGRICULTURE
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IR2015_new26: Health Requirements for Import HONEY BEE QUEENS intended for Breeding into IRAN (last update 29/08/2023)

General Conditions of Import:

All Conditions for approval of breeding apiaries for export trade of OIE base on Articles 4.14.5- 4.14.6 and 4.14.7 should be included.

1- Export certificate shall be issued by exporting country.

2- Export certificate Must contain all statements and information as required by the Import Permit.

3- The original or a copy of the signed permit and any other necessary import / export documentation pertaining to the shipment of animal(s) or thing(s) must be provided for inspection at port of entry.

4- Any change to the permit by an unauthorized person will render the permit invalid.

5- Accompanying export documentation must be issued in either English.

6- The zoosanitary export documentation pertaining to the shipment must clearly describe the animal(s) or thing(s) and the country of origin.

7- The colonies from which queens are intended to be export shall be under supervision during 30 days prior to exportation.

8- An import permit number must be indicated on the export certificate by origin country.

9- Should the disease status of the country of origin change between the time of issuance of this permit and the time of unrestricted entry into Iran, the import shipment may be refused entry into Iran or be subject to additional quarantine and testing or treatment.

Importers will be responsible for any additional incurred costs.



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CERTIFICATION

- 1- The queen bee shall be produced in apiaries under supervision and control of the country of origin competent authority and certified by the same competent authority.
 - The varroosis infestation rate shall be less than 1% in the apiary of origin.
 - The apiaries located at the 3 km radius of the apiary of origin shall be free from American foulbrood.
 - The apiaries located at the 3 km radius of the apiary of origin shall be free from European foulbrood.
 - The apiary of origin shall be free from nosemosis and Acariosis
 - The apiary of origin and apiaries located at the 3 km radius of the apiary of origin shall be free from *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaeaps* spp.
 - The apiary of origin shall be free from following Viral diseases during last 6 months:
Acute Bee Paralysis, Chronic bee Paralysis, Kashmir bee and Israeli Acute paralysis, Deformed wing disease, black queen disease and Salkbrood disease
- 2- The testing must be carried out by an accredited or state laboratory.
- 3- The beehive from which the queen bee is originated shall be inspected forthwith before preparation in terms of clinical signs of honey bee diseases (Pupa and adults).

Shipment:

All premises used during packaging and transport shall be closed and the apiary premises shall be inspected in terms of freedom from SHB (*Aethina tumida*).

- The used packaging materials and cages shall not be used for transporting of queen and only fresh feed be given to the queen and all precautionary measures be adopted for any secondary infestation.
- Every bee queen shall be placed in an individual cage in accompany of not more than 20 attendant bees.
- The feed during transport shall be free from honey otherwise the honey shall be radiated respecting authorized level.
- The bee queens shall be transported via straightest and appropriate routes in to Iran.
- The country of origin of bee queen shall be free from Fire blight disease and/or queen bee quarantined appropriately for duration of 48 hours before entry to Iran.
- Bee queen transport shall be conducted in compliance with IATA standards respecting WOH rules and regulations.