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Entry Requirements for Honey Bee Hives, Used Equipment and Appliances

In accordance with the West Virginia Apiary Act, §19-13 of the Code of West Virginia, any person desiring to move honey bees, used bee equipment or used appliances into West Virginia must first obtain a permit of entry from the Commissioner of the West Virginia Department of Agriculture (WVDA) before these items may be transported into West Virginia.

An application for entry permit must be accompanied by a certificate of inspection that is signed by an authorized state or federal inspection official verifying the actual inspection of the bees, used bee equipment or used appliances, within 30 days preceding the date of shipment and certifying the absence of honey bee pests.

The Commissioner shall issue a temporary or permanent permit of entry. A temporary permit may not exceed 60 days.

If the Commissioner denies the entry permit request, he or she shall notify the owner, operator, or transporter of the denial and the reasons for the denial.

An entry permit request must include the anticipated date of entry, departure of the items and the intended destination.

Hives, nucleus colonies, combs, used equipment, and appliances that exhibit a contagious honey bee disease or pest infestation, shall be prohibited from entry into the state of West Virginia.

Hives, nucleus colonies, combs, and appliances entering West Virginia are subject to inspection by WVDA apiary inspectors to determine the occurrence and extent of any honey bee disease or pest infestation and how to best deal with the disease or pest(s) identified.