

Approval of the manner and form of records to be kept by beekeepers

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I, Roger Paskin, Chief Inspector of Stock under the *Livestock Act 1997*, hereby approve the following manner and form of records to be kept by beekeepers pursuant to Regulation 13B of the *Livestock Regulations 2013* as set out in **Tables A - B**. A record must be kept for all Specified biosecurity related management practices.

For each Specified biosecurity related management practice listed in Column A, applicable to the persons in Column B, a record must be made at the frequency specified in Column C. Each of these records must contain at least the elements listed in **Table B**.

Table A. Specified biosecurity related management practices, application and frequency

Column A Specified biosecurity related management practices	Column B Applies to:	Column C Record at:
A1 bi-annual hive inspections; and	all beekeepers	6 monthly inspection
A2 annual honey testing for AFB; and	beekeepers owning ≥ 20 hives	annual honey testing
A3 on detection/ suspected detection of a notifiable condition; and	all beekeepers	each detection
B1 identification of individual hives and associated honeybees, honeybee products and honeybee property affected, suspected affected, or at risk of being affected by disease; and	all beekeepers	each occurrence
B2 notification; and		
B3 isolation; and		
B4 sterilisation; and		
B5 eradication; and		
C1 movements within SA of hives and swarm catch boxes; and	all beekeepers	each occurrence
C2 movement into SA and/ or to another state/ territory of honeybees, honeybee products and/ or honeybee property; and		
C3 acquisitions of honeybees, honeybee products and/ or used honeybee property, none of which originated from your own hives; and		
C4 disposals of honeybees, honeybee products and/ or used honeybee property; and		
D1 chemical treatment; and	all beekeepers	each occurrence
E1 acquired biosecurity approved knowledge on notifiable conditions; and	all beekeepers	annual registration
E2 undertaken biosecurity approved course in pest and disease management; and	beekeepers owning ≥ 50 hives	annual registration then 3 yearly

Table B. Required elements

Required elements	Interpretation
1. Date(s)	Date(s) the specified biosecurity related management practice(s) were undertaken; and
2. Apiary(s)	Apiary location details; and Number of hives and empty swarm catch boxes in each apiary; and Sufficient identifiers to enable identification and traceability to the level of individual apiary(s); and
3. Hives, and associated honeybees, honeybee products, and honeybee property	Sufficient identifiers to enable identification and traceability; and
4. Specified biosecurity related management practice(s)	Specific details, methods and results relating to the specified biosecurity practice(s); and
5. Supporting, dated documentation/ reference material	Documentation supporting specified biosecurity practice(s)/ traceability; and
6. Name and signature	Name and signature of person(s) undertaking the specified biosecurity practice(s)

Comprehensive details outlining the requirements along with supporting information (including example records), are provided in the document PIRSA Guidelines: *Record keeping for apiarists - biosecurity records*, available at www.pir.sa.gov.au/beekeeper_registration or from the Apiary Unit, Biosecurity SA



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Example biosecurity records

An example of a biosecurity record format is provided below (1st page is a completed example, 2nd page is a blank master copy); noting that:

- format can be based around dates, apiary(s) or specified biosecurity practice(s)
- specified biosecurity practices can be listed by designated name or code (eg. Detecting notifiable condition, & Identification, Notification, Isolation, Sterilisation & Eradication; or A3, & B1-B5)

Date based, combined specified biosecurity practices record in a tightly-structured format - example suitable for both hobby & commercial apiarists

1. Date	2. Apiary	3. Hives, & associated bees, products & property	4. Specified biosecurity related management practices undertaken	5. Supporting documentation
02/05/17			E1 – acquired knowledge by reading BSA Notifiable honeybee pests & diseases reference material on-line E2 – completed PHA Biosecurity for Beekeepers course on-line	Notifiable honeybee pests & diseases Record keeping for apiarists Honey Sampling for Disease Testing
14/08/17	25 Swarm Tce*	2 swarm boxes	C1 – placed on property Mr Catchall, 25 Swarm Tce, Nectars Field*	
15/09/17	2 Smith St, Beesville*	6 doubles	A1, A2 (part) – disease inspection then in-hive honey sampling all hives purchasing from Mr D Bee – nothing notifiable seen. Submitted to Gribbles 16/09/2017	Notifiable honeybee pests & diseases A Manual for the Control of AFB Honey Sampling for Disease Testing
27/09/17	9 Honey St Honeytown (home)*	6 doubles	A2 (part) – Test result negative C3 – purchased these hives from Mr D. Bee C1 – moved to home	Gribbles Result No 17-984 - 25/09/17 Mr D. Bee Invoice No. 04 (contains address & contact details*)
10/10/17	230 Swarm Tce Nectars Field*	10 doubles	C2 – purchased and introduced 5 queens from Top Shelf Queens (cages left in hives)	Top Shelf Queens Invoice No. 13844 (contains address & contact details*)
16/11/17	9 Honey St Honeytown (home)*	1 swarm	C3 – collected 1 swarm from Mr Catchall, 25 Swarm Tce, Nectars Field* C1 – to home*	
22/02/18	230 Swarm Tce Nectars Field*	10 doubles	A1, A2 (part) – disease inspection then in-hive honey sampling all hives – nothing notifiable seen	Notifiable honeybee pests & diseases A Manual for the Control of AFB Honey Sampling for Disease Testing
23/02/18	9 Honey St Honeytown (home)*	7 doubles	A1 - disease inspection all hives – nothing notifiable seen A2 (part) – extraction plant and honey containers (Nos. 016 & 005) pre-cleaned, all hives extracted. Honey sampled from containers & combined with honey from 22/02. Submitted to Gribbles 24/02/2018	
04/03/18	9 Honey St* 230 Swarm Tce* 25 Swarm Tce	7 doubles 10 doubles 1 swarm box	A2 (part) – Test result negative A2 (part) – Test result negative C1 – collected empty swarm box from property Mr Catchall, 25 Swarm Tce, Nectars Field* - to home shed	Gribbles Result No 18-023 - 04/03/18
20/04/18			Internal audit – Have completed: required training and required records, and undertaken required honey testing. Traced Gribbles Result No 18-023 - 04/03/18 back through records to 2 apiaries and stored sample 22-23/02/18	
27/04/18			Renewed registration online by completing beekeeper registration form + payment, acknowledged have read and understood Notifiable honeybee pests & diseases, & uploaded: 1 page copy of this record, Gribbles AFB honey test result No 18-023 - 04/03/18, and PHA Biosecurity for Beekeepers pass certificate No. 234400	6. Name, Signature & Date M Money <i>M Money</i> 27/04/18

* If required element details (eg. apiary location/ supplier) are abbreviated in a record, expanded details and relevant abbreviations must be fully documented in a legend/ appropriate register.

