

## Summary of entry requirements of bee colonies into South Australia

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Bee colonies can only enter the state for purpose of fulfilling pollination contracts or honey production and can only do so under defined conditions regarding

- attending a defined location for time the colonies are within SA,
- control of varroa, and
- length of duration in SA; exiting the state on completion of activity, or after a maximum of 90 days, whichever comes first.

Bee colonies (and including associated commodities) can only remain longer, change location or be sold / transferred, if approved by the Chief Inspector (CI), and under any conditions imposed (note, affected commodities are only permitted sale with CI approval).

Bee colonies entering the State must be accompanied by an [apiary health certificate](#) signed by an authorised officer in the originating jurisdiction.

Bee colonies and commodities must be managed at all times in South Australia to control varroa. Control measures must be inclusive of:

- management,
- loading, transporting and unloading, where movement into the State involves daylight logistics netting is required. Where the whole movement is conducted from sundown to sunup, netting is not required.
- testing, utilising the test ALL/64 /10%, i.e. test ALL colonies for loads of 1- 64 colonies , test 64 colonies for loads of 65-640 colonies and Test 10% colonies above loads of 640 colonies.
- treating, based on a Integrated Pest Management (IPM) treatment plan that will ensure varroa remains below national recognised threshold levels whilst commodities are in South Australia, (i.e. threshold of less than 5 mites during Autumn / Winter and Spring and less than 9 Mites during Summer period, based on an alcohol wash of a sample of 300 bees (½ cup)), Example [Treatment Plan — National Varroa Mite Management Program](#)
- decontamination,
- processing,
- disposal, and storage,
- records

Consignor, **upon application**, to provide details of:

- Current apiary location, number of hives to enter into SA
- Travel details i.e. proposed entry points into SA, entry dates, locations while in SA, duration within SA.
- Bee colony pre-treatment alcohol wash testing (including dates, rate of testing (all/ 64 / 10%) conducted not greater than 28 days from entry date and include, apiary and hive ID's, and results,
- Last bee colony treatment (including install dates, type of treatment, apiary and hive ID's, dates removed, and if acaricide utilised, product used, rate of treatment
- Vehicles and equipment being brought into SA to transport manage colonies
- Responsible person who will be managing the colonies while they in SA.
- Pre-entry commodity treatments (as per conditions outlined in the [Biosecurity Standards for Bees and Apiary Commodities](#))

Consignor, upon request, to provide details of:

- records management activities in relation to varroa mite for 3 months prior to entry.

Consignor to comply with South Australian and interstate movement requirements for other National and State invasive species programs e.g. fire ants, green snail, polyphagous shot hole borer, fruit fly, cane toad, weeds.