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Ian Zadow (Past Chair)

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is the **Peak Industry Body for the Australian Beekeeping Industry**
working for all within our industry including
honey producers, honey packers, pollinators, queen bee breeders, equipment manufacturers/suppliers.

We urge beekeepers to support those
Packers, Queen Bee Breeders, Equipment Manufacturers/Suppliers who contribute to AHBIC.

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1 August 2017

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STRATEGIC PLAN

Following the adoption of the Strategic Plan at the recent AHBIC AGM the Executive is now working to implement the Plan.

VEGAN HONEY

AHBIC has been receiving emails from people advising us about the Vegan Honey currently on sale.

AHBIC is aware of this and has already lodged a complaint with the New South Wales Food Council asking that it be removed from sale as honey is a prescribed name under the Food Standards Australia and New Zealand Food Code 2.8.2. AHBIC has also lodged a complaint with the ACCC.

If you wish to also make a complaint please feel free to do so to the Authorities.

MELBOURNE INTERCEPTION

The latest from Melbourne is that the first round of inspections has found no varroa and the second round is in place.

Not that we expect to find any varroa but this is precautionary.

Interestingly the DNA showed the bees to be *Apis mellifera mellifera*.

ASIAN BEES IN DARWIN

The DNA examination showed the bees to be derived from the 2015 bees that came across to Darwin from Cairns. So it would be expected that there may be more in the area and it is a matter of finding them. One plus is that, as they came from Cairns, then we would not expect there to be any varroa on them.

Our AHBIC Disease and Quarantine Chair, Ian Zadow, and our AHBIC Deputy Chair, Stephen Fewster, will be spending a week in Darwin in August helping out and talking with the NT Department on how AHBIC can further help.

AGM DATES

Annual conferences for 2019, in chronological order, as I currently have them are:-

New South Wales Apiarists Association	16 & 17 May -
Victorian Apiarists Association	4,5 & 6 June -
South Australian Apiarists Association	13-14 June -
WA Farmers Federation - Beekeeping Section	TBA
Queensland Beekeepers Association	TBA
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	5 July - Launceston
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	TBA
National Council of Crop Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	6 July - Launceston

NATIONAL PLANT BIOSECURITY STATUS REPORT

Plant Health Australia has put out The National Plant Biosecurity Status Report for 2017. To view a copy go to planthealthaustralia.com.au/NPBSR

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Please let me introduce myself, I am Peter McDonald and have recently been elected as the Chairman of the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC).

I am 50 years old and a commercial beekeeper based in Castlemaine, central Victoria. With my wife Michelle we run a business mainly based upon honey production which also incorporates some pollination. I grew up in a family that operated a large migratory beekeeping operation but left to pursue other careers when 17. Firstly in the Army as a communications technician operating from bases in Melbourne and Brisbane and then in the Computing field based at the University of Southern Queensland in Toowoomba. I returned to beekeeping full time 15 years ago.

I have been involved with various beekeeping industry groups at local, state and national levels over the years assisting where I could. I have been a member of the AHBIC Executive for the past 4 years, becoming the Deputy Chairman last year. When I first joined the AHBIC Executive 4 years ago I thought I had a good understanding of what it did. I was astounded by the amount of work that is involved.

The breadth and complexity of issues AHBIC have to deal with continues to grow, year on year and each one of these issues are vital to the continued running of our industry as a whole and for each and every one of our individual businesses as a consequence. I would like to thank all of you who have continued as, or recently come on board as a Friend of AHBIC. It is essential that we re-vitalise all our industry organisations as they all work for the betterment of beekeeping.

I would like to personally thank all the previous people who have contributed their time and effort to AHBIC over the years it has been in existence. In particular, I would like to personally thank the following recently retired members of the AHBIC Executive:

Lindsay Bourke. Lindsay is our outgoing Chairman who has served the beekeeping industry for a long time in many roles. He has always been a positive and passionate advocate for beekeeping, constantly promoting the best aspects of our industry.

Ian Zadow. Ian also has been a long serving member of AHBIC, a previous Chairman and also a passionate industry advocate. He was a driving force in undertaking the vital role of implementation of the Biosecurity Code of Practice and continues as our Chair of the Disease and Quarantine Committee.

Phil McHugh. Phil was only on the Executive for the past year but brought much needed skills and clarity of vision that was greatly appreciated and very timely for the development of our recent 2018 Strategic Plan.

I ask that you all help AHBIC through being involved within our industry structure in some way. Helping the industry groups helps us all individually as a result. Please also spread enthusiasm and optimism throughout our Honey Bee Community as to what could be accomplished if we all work together.

Peter McDonald

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 109760
Product name: Incarnate 300WG Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 400 g/kg indoxacarb (3:1) (equivalent to 300 g/kg active s-isomer)
Applicant name: Agritrading Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 134 291 295
Summary of use: For the control of a range of insect pests in various vegetable and fruit crops
Date of registration: 5 July 2018
Product registration no.: 84133
Label approval no.: 84133/109760

Application no.: 112319
Product name: Mafente Xtra Miticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/kg bifenazate
Applicant name: Shandong Rainbow International Co Ltd
Applicant ACN: N/A
Summary of use: For the control of various insect pests in pome fruit, stone fruit and almonds
Date of registration: 5 July 2018
Product registration no.: 85120
Label approval no.: 85120/112319

Application no.: 109067
Product name: Proclaim Opti Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 44 g/kg emamectin present as emamectin benzoate
Applicant name: Syngenta Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 002 933 717
Summary of use: For control of various lepidopteran pests in fruit and vegetable crops
Date of registration: 6 July 2018
Product registration no.: 83844
Label approval no.: 83844/109067

Application no.: 115679
Product name: Callington 1-Shot Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 20 g/kg d-phenothrin 20:80, 20 g/kg permethrin 25:75
Applicant name: Callington Haven Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 000 632 404
Summary of variation: To approve a new label for the product 'CALLINGTON 1-SHOT INSECTICIDE ' with the label name 'BISENTINEL INSECTICIDE'
Date of variation: 3 July 2018
Product registration no.: 50745
Label approval no.: 50745/115679

Application no.: 110181
Product name: Avento Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 200 g/L indoxacarb (25:75) (equivalent to 150 g/L active s-isomer)
Applicant name: Adama Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 050 328 973
Summary of use: For the control of various insect pests in apricot, adzuki beans, broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, capsicum, cauliflower, chickpeas, chinese leafy vegetables, cotton, eggplant, faba beans, leafy vegetables, mung beans, nectarine, peaches, peppers, plums, soybeans and tomatoes
Date of registration: 5 July 2018
Product registration no.: 84357
Label approval no.: 84357/110181

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

The Executive, in responding to motions from the AHBIC AGM, has submitted a proposal to AgriFutures Australia to fund a project “For an information and options paper on compulsory honey bee industry levies and fees.” This will be considered by the Honey Bee and Pollination Advisory Panel of AgriFutures Australia when they meet at the end of September.

ADVERSE REPORTS

As promised last month, the second last page of this newsletter is a form for you to fill out if you do not want to report to APVMA an adverse reaction to chemicals that your bees suffer. Fill out this form and return to AHBIC and we will do the reporting on your behalf.

As I have said before “if it is not reported it didn’t happen”.

BEES AND PESTICIDES

Almond Bytes had an interesting link. Have a look.

<http://www2.ipm.ucanr.edu/bee precaution/>

It is a VERY handy tool for pesticides and bees.

BEE HEARD: INDUSTRY FIRST COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY NOW OPEN TO HONEY LEVY PAYERS

AgriFutures Australia is calling on all members of the honey industry to have their say on how research and development outcomes are communicated, and share their thoughts on the AgriFutures™ Honey Bee and Pollination Program.

The AgriFutures™ Honey Bee and Pollination Program supports RD&E that will ensure a productive, sustainable and profitable Australian beekeeping industry and secure the pollination of Australia’s horticultural and agricultural crops.

AgriFutures Australia Program Manager, Research and Innovation, Dr Melanie Bradley said the 10-question communications survey is a first for the program, and offers industry stakeholders a chance to have their say on what’s working well, and what could be improved in the future.

“It’s vital that our levy payers are receiving the most interesting, timely and necessary information in regards to all RD&E activities,” Dr Bradley said.

“Their feedback will be invaluable in not only giving the AgriFutures Australia project team an understanding of the current reach of research activities, but also offer important insights into how research findings and outcomes are being implemented on the ground.

“This is an important activity also as the AgriFutures™ Honey Bee and Pollination Program five-year RD&E plan is now in its final year, so survey feedback will offer guidance on the success of research communication to date.”

The online survey is open until August 17th via Survey Monkey, and can be accessed at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSTYNPH>.

In the final year of the RD&E plan, the program has undertaken a significant amount of research to benefit the honey bee industry.

“One of the many significant research projects delivered the most comprehensive seasonal data to date on the Small Hive Beetle (SHB),” Dr Bradley said.

“The SHB is the predominant apiary pest in the warm, moist regions of eastern Australia and Dr Diana Leemon investigated and developed an external attractant trap for the SHB in attempt to reduce numbers affecting hives.”

The next major focus of the AgriFutures™ Honey Bee & Pollination Program is reviewing the current five-year RD&E Plan and identifying research objectives and priorities for the next Plan, to be finalised by mid-2019.

All responses are anonymous and will be collected for the specific purposes of the survey.

Ends

For more information on the AgriFutures™ Honey Bee and Pollination Program visit www.agrifutures.com.au/honey-bee-pollination/

EXPORT CARGO SECURITY - PROPOSED CHANGES

AHBIC has received the advice below. The deadline is 1 March 2019.



Australian Government

Department of Home Affairs

The threat has evolved and we need to keep up, by increasing the security of export air cargo to protect the aviation sector.

Export air cargo from Australia is examined prior to uplift onto an aircraft, in line with the Aviation Transport Security Regulations 2005. From 1 March 2019, security requirements for export air cargo are changing. Currently there are three ways to clear/examine air cargo:

- *Piece-level examination, this means each individual box, carton or other item. This is required for US-bound cargo today.*
- *Consolidated form, on pallets (for example boxes stacked and wrapped in plastic) or in unit load devices (ULDs). This is widely used for other international destinations today.*
- *As an approved Known Consignor (KC) arrangement, which offers exporters who originate air cargo an alternative way to meet piece-level examination requirements.*

What's changing?

By 1 March 2019, all exports sent overseas will need to be examined at piece-level, or originate from a KC.

Don't wait

The deadline to meet the change is 1 March 2019. Start preparing your business to meet this change now.

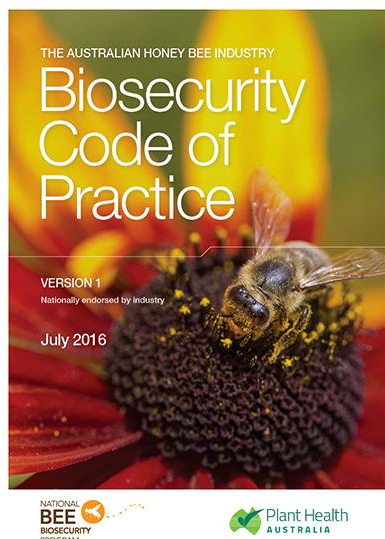
What do I need to do?

- ☐ *If your business exports cargo by air to the US there will be no change.*
- ☐ *If your business exports cargo by air to destinations other than the US, there will probably be an increased level of screening required. You should contact your freight forwarder, or Regulated Air Cargo Agent (RACA), to discuss what the changes will mean for your cargo.*
- ☐ *Businesses approved as KCs will be able to use their KC security program for air cargo they export to all international destinations, not just the US.*

What if I have more questions?

Further information can be found at on the Transport Security webpages or you can email your questions to the Guidance Centre at guidancecentre@homeaffairs.gov.au

Beekeepers urged to adopt Biosecurity Code of Practice



Beekeepers nationally, commercial and hobby, are being urged to adopt the [Australian Honey Bee Industry Biosecurity Code of Practice](#) to keep their bees healthy and to safeguard honey bee and pollination dependant industries.

Honey production is worth more than \$100 million annually, along with sales of beeswax, queen and packaged bees. This is dwarfed by the benefits of bee pollination services.

“The aim of the [National Bee Biosecurity Program](#) and the associated Biosecurity Code of Practice is to ensure beekeepers have the awareness and knowledge to manage bee pests and diseases, and to detect exotic ones early,” said [Australian Honey Bee Industry Council](#) (AHBIC) Chair Peter McDonald.

“Established pests and diseases like American foulbrood, small hive beetle and chalkbrood are causing significant economic and social harm to the bee industry and this would be exacerbated by an incursion of an exotic pest like the varroa mite,” he said.

AHBIC worked with state governments, the Australian Government and [Plant Health Australia](#) to develop the National Bee Biosecurity Program and the Biosecurity Code of Practice. The honey bee industry contributes \$400,000 per year to the program through levies.

In some states, legislation has been changed to assist with adoption of the Biosecurity Code of Practice, and [bee biosecurity officers](#) and apiary officers are found in each state to assist beekeepers.

“This new management system has been put in place to limit the impact of pests and diseases on the businesses of individual beekeepers, but also the broader industry and economy,” said [Plant Health Australia](#) (PHA) Executive Director and CEO Greg Fraser.

The Australian Honey Bee Industry Biosecurity Code of Practice requires the nation’s 1500 commercial beekeepers, who have more than 50 hives each, and the 22,000 hobby beekeepers to use these best-practice biosecurity measures:

- register as a beekeeper
- regularly inspect hives for significant pests and diseases
- report notifiable diseases
- control or eradicate pests and diseases, and manage weak hives
- maintain records of biosecurity related actions and observations
- appropriately construct and brand (label) hives
- protect hives from neglect or exposure
- allow their operation to be assessed by bee biosecurity officers.

Commercial beekeepers with more than 50 hives also need to:

- demonstrate adequate knowledge to identify and manage bee pests and diseases
- undergo annual honey testing for American foulbrood disease
- provide a declaration that they operate and manage their bee hives in compliance with the Biosecurity Code of Practice.

In coming months around 200,000 beehives will be transported to and from almond growing regions in southern Australia for pollination, making effective biosecurity of bee hives more important than ever.

Information resources

BeeAware website: <http://beeaware.org.au/> is an important source of information for beekeepers, including the biosecurity code of practice, contact details for bee biosecurity officers, videos and online biosecurity training

Plant Health Australia: <http://www.planthealthaustralia.com.au>

Australian Honey Bee Industry Council: <https://honeybee.org.au>

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REPORTING AN ADVERSE CHEMICAL EVENT

In the event that you have had an adverse chemical event e.g. bees dead, AHBIC is willing to help you report this. It is preferable that you report directly to AVPMA and this can be done at https://portal.apvma.gov.au/aerp#_48_INSTANCE_JHQh3QJKyCEn=https%3A%2F%2Fportal.apvma.gov.au%2Faerpexternal%2Fwelcome.htm Please fill out the details below and AHBIC will report on your behalf.

Name:-

Address:-

Suburb:-

State:-

Postcode:-

Phone no.:-

Email:-

Product causing problem if known:-

Not Known:-

Description of the event:-

Date:-

Outcome:-

Chemicals use details if known:-

Signed:-

Date:-

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