

## Completing European Union Health Certificates for bee products.

To export edible bee products to the EU, you require an EU certificate for the country that you intend to send product to. For example, if you intend to export to Germany, you require the German/English bilingual certificate.

To enable AQIS staff to issue a certificate you require the following documents:

For edible products:

- A declaration that the product has been obtained from hives that have not been treated with an antibiotic in the last 6 months and
  - A declaration that the product contains only bee products of Australian or New Zealand origin, or
  - If the product contains bee products from countries other than Australia or New Zealand, the origin of the bee products and a certificate of analysis that demonstrates that the imported product meets EU Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs).

For by-products:

A declaration that the by-products have been treated by either:

- Freezing to -12<sup>o</sup> or lower for 24 hours or longer, or
- In the case of wax that the product has been rendered.

The information required for completing the Certificate for the Import of Honey and other Apiculture Products intended for Human Consumption and the Veterinary Certificate for Apiculture By-products, intended for dispatch to or transit through the European Community is included in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: Completing the EU certificates for bee products**

I.1	Consignor	Name and address of the company or person intending to export the goods. Telephone number is recommended, but optional.
I.2.	Certificate reference number	AQIS staff must complete this number and must ensure that it is copied on to section IIa on the second page of the certificate.
I.2 a	Not used	Strike through
I.3	Central Competent Authority	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
I.4	Local Competent Authority	Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service
I.5	Consignee	Name and address including post code of company or person that will receive the goods. Telephone number is recommended, but optional.
I.6	Person responsible for the Consignment in the EU	This field is only necessary is if the product is for transit through the EU. If not completed, place a line through the field.
I.7	Country of origin/ ISO code	Australia, AU

I.8	Region of origin	Should be filled in as, Australia, AU for by-products, but it is unnecessary to complete this field for edible products.
I.9	Country of destination/ ISO Code	Country of destination and the appropriate ISO Code. ISO Codes of all countries can be found at <a href="http://www.iso.org/iso/english_country_names_and_code_elements">http://www.iso.org/iso/english_country_names_and_code_elements</a>  The United Kingdom Border Inspection Post (BIP) of Felixstowe, in particular, requires that the ISO code be completed. In the case of Felixstowe and all United Kingdom BIPs the ISO code is GB.
I.10	Region of destination/ ISO Code	This applies only for species or products affected by regionalisation measures or by the setting up of approved zones in accordance with a European Community decision. In the case of honey, it should be struck through.
I.11	Place of origin, Name, Address	This is the name and address of the warehouse/manufacturer/coldstore where the products were loaded into the container.
I.12	Place of destination	To be completed if the certificate is for transit. Products in transit can only be stored in free zones, bonded warehouses or custom warehouses.  If not completed, strike through.
I.13	Place of loading	This is the port where the container was loaded onto the vessel/ aircraft.
I.14	Date of departure	Date of vessel/aircraft departure.
I.15	Means of transport, identification, documentary reference	Specify if ship or aeroplane etc. Provide name of ship and voyage number or name of airline and flight number. The documentary reference entry should be "Not Applicable"
I.16	Entry BIP in EU	Name of the EU Border Inspection Post that the export will be entering Europe through. In the case of Felixstowe (Suffolk Coast, UK) include the BIP number, 0713099  The full list of EU BIPs, their responsibilities and BIP numbers is included in Commission Decision 2001/881/EC of 7 December 2001.
I.17	Not used	Strike through
I.18	Description of commodity	A detailed product description should be given.
I.19	Commodity code (HS Code)	The Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS) of tariff nomenclature. This is 0409 for honey and 0410 for other edible apian products;
I.20	Quantity	Total gross and net weights in kg
I.21	Temperature of product	Indicate the appropriate temperature for transport and storage. Ambient, chilled or frozen.
I.22	Number of packages	Total number of boxes or packages.
I.23	Identification of container/ seal numbers	Seal and container numbers.

I.24	Type of packaging	Describe the packaging used. For example, cartons, bags etc.
I.25	Commodities certified for	For honey for human consumption, exports must complete this box with the words, "human consumption". For EXDOC and most manual certificate formats, this will have been included in the certificate. For honey by-products, exporters must complete with the intended purpose of the export, for example, 'industrial manufacture' or cosmetic manufacture.
I.26	For transit to third country vis-a-vis EU	Score through, unless transiting to a non-EU country.
I.27	For import or admission into EU	Import
I.28	Identification of the commodities, nature of commodity, species, treatment type, approval number of establishments, number of packages, net weight.	<p>Provide as much detail as possible to assist in the identification of the products in the consignment. This information may already be provided in other location of the certificate but should still be restated.</p> <p>Nature of commodity means honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis or pollen.</p> <p>Treatment- should provide information such as filtered, heat treated and temperature and time etc.</p> <p>The approval number of establishment is the AQIS registration number of the producer.</p>
IIa		Same as 1.2
IIb	Not used	Leave blank
	Health attestations	<p>All claims need verifying to ensure conditions are met before the certificate is signed and stamped</p> <p>In the case of products for human consumption, the following conditions must be met:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- the exporter must be included on the list of eligible exporters to the EU, and</li> <li>- the exporter must provide the following a declarations:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ the products consist of Australian and/or New Zealand products only, or that the products come from countries which are allowed to send products to the EU (see Attachment 2) and meet EU residue requirements as demonstrated by a certificate of analysis that indicates that the products do not contain nitrofurans or chloramphenical and</li> <li>▪ that the products have not been produced in hives in which antibiotics have been used in the past 6 months,</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>The exporter may include these declarations in the same document. For example, 'I declare that these products are of Australian origin and have been harvested from hives in which no antibiotic has been used for the past 6 months.'</p> <p>The authorised officer should not strike through any part of the health attestation for apiary products for human consumption.</p> <p>In the case of by-products, the authorised officer must strike</p>

		through Part II.1 as Australia has small hive beetles and American foulbrood. Either Part II.2 (1) or Part II.2 (2) should be struck through leaving information on how the product was treated (by freezing or by rendering).
	Signature and printed name of AQIS authorised office (for edible products, or veterinarian (for by-products)).	Signature of the AQIS authorised officer or veterinarian and title. Blue pen must be used.
	Stamp	Departmental impress seal or stamp in blue.