

Monthly NEWS



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All the best for 2019

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AUSTRALIAN HONEYBEE INDUSTRY COUNCIL INC

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The Australian Honey Bee Industry Council (AHBIC)
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
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The following list recognises contributions received since

1 January 2018

A number of generous Contributors wish to remain anonymous

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Curless, David
Dewar, Paula
Frost, Liz
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Society Ltd
Gustare Honey Australia
Hampson, Terry (Daybreak Apiaries)
Hum Honey (Leisa Sams)
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Beekeepers Assoc Inc
Jordan, Corinne
McDonald, Robert
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NT Bees (Aust) Pty Ltd
Oldroyd, Ben & Madeleine
BeeKman
Porter, ML & DJ
Quality Beekeeping Supplies

Redpath's Beekeeping Supplies
Ridley Bee Products
Rudder, Janine (JBR Bees)
Ruge, Clinton
Stokes, Peter
Trigg, Margaret
Watson, James
Weatherhead, Trevor & Marion
Westlands Honey Beverley WA

OTHER

Beechworth Honey Pty Ltd
(on behalf of some producer-suppliers)
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Knox, Kathy
Verrenkamp, Leonard
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NON-PUBLISHED Value

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COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

On behalf of the AHBIC Executive I wish all beekeepers the compliments of the season.

TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP

The Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP-11) came into being recently. Among the main outcomes for Australian exporters are accelerated reductions on Japanese import tariffs.

Unfortunately honey was not one of the products that enjoyed accelerated depreciation so we are still on the original lowering of tariffs and the increasing of quotas schedule.

IAN ZADOW AWARD

Congratulations to Ian Zadow who, in the Syngenta Australia 2018 Growth Award winners, was a Regional Winner in the Community and People section. See <https://www.syngenta.com.au/growthawards/2018>

As the award document says there's no commodity more important to agriculture or rural areas than people. Ian has been a big advocate for our industry having been a past AHBIC Chair and still serves as Chair of the Quarantine Subcommittee. Read his profile at <https://www.syngenta.com.au/growthawards/2018/ian-zadow>

Ian didn't manage the top award but well done.

CERTIFICATE III IN BEEKEEPING

The revised Certificate III in Beekeeping has now been approved as from the 19 December, 2018. Details can be found at <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/AHC31818#>

This means it is available for use by registered training organisations (RTOs). From the date of publication, RTOs have 12 months to transition to delivering the new and updated qualifications, skill sets and units.

AGM DATES

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

New South Wales Apiarists Association	16 & 17 May - Bathurst
Bee Industry Council of WA	24-25 May - Perth
Queensland Beekeepers Association	30 May - 1 June - Bribie Island
Victorian Apiarists Association	4,5 & 6 June - Mildura
South Australian Apiarists Association	13-14 June - Adelaide
Tasmanian Beekeepers Association	28 June - 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	29 June - Launceston

Due to AHBIC having to have their changes to the Constitution lodged with the Western Australia Department of Commerce by 30 June, 2019 the Tasmanian Beekeepers Association conference and AHBIC AGM have been brought forward a week from the original dates.

VEGAN HONEY

Still no word on any actions that may have been taken here.

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 117646
Product name: F.S.A. Bifenthrin 100 Insecticide/Miticide
Active constituent/s: 100 g/L bifenthrin
Applicant name: Four Seasons Agribusiness Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 115 133 189
Summary of use: For installing chemical soil barriers for new building work, the post-construction management of subterranean termites, and the control of a large range of other urban pests
Date of registration: 5 December 2018
Product registration no.: 87151
Label approval no.: 87151/117646

Application no.: 117645
Product name: F.S.A. Lambda Cyhalothrin 250 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 250 g/L lambda-cyhalothrin
Applicant name: Four Seasons Agribusiness Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 115 133 189
Summary of use: For the control of certain pests in cotton, barley, wheat and various field crops
Date of registration: 11 December 2018
Product registration no.: 87150
Label approval no.: 87150/117645

Application no.: 111062
Product name: Sumitomo Samurai Systemic Insecticide
Active constituent: 500 g/kg clothianidin
Applicant name: Sumitomo Chemical Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 081 096 255
Summary of variation: To include control of specified insect pests on citrus and modify timing for application to wine grapes
Date of variation: 6 December 2018
Product registration no.: 60687
Label approval no.: 60687/111062

Application no.: 113851
Product name: Pegasus Miticide/Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/L diafenthiuron
Applicant name: Syngenta Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 002 933 717
Summary of variation: To extend the uses to control red-legged earth mite and suppression of lucerne flea in canola
Date of variation: 16 November 2018
Product registration no.: 45252
Label approval no.: 45252/113851

Application no.: 113017
Product name: Starkle 200 SG Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 200 g/kg dinotefuran
Applicant name: Agnova Technologies Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 097 705 158
Summary of variation: To include the control of green vegetable bug on cotton and the control of green mirids on mung beans
Date of variation: 21 November 2018
Product registration no.: 69398
Label approval no.: 69398/113017

PREPARING FOR NEW AIR CARGO SECURITY REQUIREMENTS

The Australian Government has introduced air cargo security measures requiring **all export air cargo**, regardless of destination, to be examined at a **piece-level** or originate from a **Known Consignor** by **1 March 2019**. These measures have been in place for US-bound air cargo since July 2017.

What your business needs to consider

If your business is currently exporting - or intends to export your products - by air you will need to understand the impacts of the security requirements on your operations.

Under the strengthened security arrangements export air cargo not originating from a known consignor will be examined at piece-level by a Regulated Air Cargo Agent (RACA). **Piece-level** refers to the examination of export air cargo at the lowest level of consolidation using technology. Ask your freight forwarder how this applies to your cargo.

Growers and exporters will need to make a commercial decision to register as a [Known Consignor](#) or use a [Regulated Air Cargo Agent](#) to undertake piece-level examination of its air freight shipments. A list of current approved RACAs can be found [here](#).

Your business can apply to become a **known consignor or a RACA**. The known consignor scheme provides businesses with the ability to meet its security obligations without requiring a RACA to conduct the piece-level examination on its behalf. A known consignor is responsible for securing its own air cargo, and must demonstrate it has the necessary security measures and procedures in place. Businesses can apply to the Department of Home Affairs to become a known consignor (Please note: while there is no application fee to join, there may be costs associated with becoming a known consignor). More information on the known consignor scheme is available [here](#).

Exporters (primarily consolidators) may also consider seeking approval to become a RACA. More information on becoming a RACA is available [here](#).

Next steps

If you export cargo by air, you will need to understand the new requirements and assess the potential impacts on your business (such as changes to cost, delivery times, when phytosanitary measures are applied, handling and/or packaging). Businesses are strongly encouraged to talk with their supply chain partners about the new measures, including with transport operators and freight forwarders.

Austrade regularly engages with the Department of Home Affairs (the agency responsible for the implementation of the new measures) and is working with the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to support industry readiness and assist agriculture businesses transition to the new security requirements. Further updates will be provided in the lead up to the 1 March 2019 implementation date.

In the interim, information is available on the [Department of Home Affairs](#) and [Department of Agriculture and Water Resources](#) websites. Your industry association may also have details on how the changes are expected to impact your specific industry sector.

Contact details

The [Department of Home Affairs](#) is implementing the security changes and have prepared an [industry countdown notice](#). If you have any further questions or concerns you can contact guidancecentre@homeaffairs.gov.au or call 1300 791 581.

Alternatively, if you have any specific feedback that you would like to share with Austrade, please respond via email to Food-Agri@austrade.gov.au

IMPORT AND EXPORT DATA FOR 2017-18

Quarter	Import Tonnage	Export Tonnage
September 2017	2,096	970
December 2017	2,031	1,038
March 2018	2,463	864
June 2018	1,811	1,009
Totals	8,401	3,881

Top 5 import countries for 2017-18

China, Argentina, New Zealand, USA, Malaysia

Top 5 export countries for 2017-18

Singapore, China, Malaysia, Canada, Hong Kong

EXERCISE BEE PREPARED

December 19, 2018

Australian governments and the beekeeping industry participated in Exercise Bee Prepared this year to improve their readiness to respond to a detection of varroa mite (Varroa destructor).

For the exercise, Plant Health Australia facilitated a series of activities and discussion workshops to test the response to a detection of this serious pest of honey bees.

The enthusiasm of the 275 participants helped make the exercise a success.

Between March and October 2018, the Australian Government and each state and territory government hosted an Exercise Bee Prepared activity to test varroa response arrangements and availability of resources.

Participants worked together on a fictional scenario to develop a response strategy to eradicate varroa mite from a peri-urban environment.

Several aspects in the response were identified that consistently posed challenges to the groups.

The Chief Plant Health Managers and Australian Honey Bee Industry Council representatives assessed these elements at a national workshop to decide on an appropriate response.

A consolidated report on the outcomes of Exercise Bee Prepared is expected to be released in early 2019.

BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG

This pest is one that beekeepers have probably not heard much about. However if you look at what crops it could affected then you see that, if it did become established in Australia, there will be a lot of spraying necessary and hence a threat to our honey bees.

More details can be found at <https://portal.biosecurityportal.org.au/Pages/BMSB-Landing.aspx>

LAST NEWSLETTER

This will be the last newsletter that I will be editing. My role as Executive Director for the Australian Honey Bee Industry Council finishes with the appointment of Sarah Paradice as the new Chief Executive Officer. Sarah takes up her role on 2 January 2019. There will be a short transition period of a couple of weeks. Sarah will be producing the next newsletter. The new contact details will be sent out by Sarah.

I can say that for the six (6) years I have been in the Executive Director's role it has been challenging at times but has been rewarding. Thank you to all those who have helped me along the way.

Unfortunately the final few months were spoilt with the adulteration saga. It was disappointing that damage has been done to the industry and for what? Previously issues have been handled within the industry but this time agendas have been played out in the media, even though they were not eventually supported by Government or the ACCC. We can only long for those days of good investigative journalism. Nowadays with the 24/7 news cycle it seems any headline will do.

So as I leave it will be hard to heal the divisions that have occurred in the past few months but they need to be. Industry needs to work together. Sure there is competition and that is not bad as long as it is handled correctly.

Over the years AHBIC has been supported by a very few faithful and dedicated people. Industry needs to acknowledge these people. The fact that AHBIC runs on voluntary contributions means that most people get a free ride as not all contribute to the running of AHBIC. It is crucial that as many people as possible should be making voluntary contributions to AHBIC. There is the Friends of AHBIC concept that is in place. There have been some new people come on board and I welcome them and thank them.

The one thing that amazes me is that there are people who contact AHBIC wanting things done but are not prepared to support AHBIC. In the cases where I have been contacted I have gone ahead and carried out the work, if possible, as AHBIC is representing the whole industry. I ask that if you are not currently a Friend of AHBIC that you consider becoming one.

Please give your support to Sarah as the industry moves forward. Some have said "it won't be the same without you". That is right because we are different people but Sarah brings a new perspective to the industry that industry should work with. It was either Bob or Eileen McDonald that said about replacing people in organisations that it is like throwing a stone into a pond. There are few ripples to start with but then it is smooth after that.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2018-2019 GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

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