



Monthly NEWS

To: The Australian Honey Industry

From: Trevor Weatherhead – Executive Director

June 2016

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS to AHBIC are GRATEFULLY RECEIVED

AHBIC acknowledges the **beekeeper suppliers** who contribute via their packer/queen bee supplier to AHBIC.

We urge beekeepers to support those Packers/Queen Bee Breeders who contribute to AHBIC.

**Does your HONEY BUYER or QUEEN BEE SUPPLIER appear on this list?
If not, then ask “Why not?” AHBIC WORKS FOR YOU!**

The following list recognises contributions received since 1 July 2015

There are a few other contributors – some wishing to remain anonymous and some not indicating their wishes

AB's Honey
Anderson, Stuart
Australian Organic Honey Company
Badger Head Bees
Beechworth Honey
Bees Neez Apiaries
Blue Hills Honey
Bliss, Stephen
Bourke, Lindsay
Bush Honey - (Midgley Family)
Buntine, Robert
Capilano Honey Ltd
Clifford, David
Copper, Casey
Cotton, Allan & Michelle
Covey Bees
Dale's Honey Bees
Davies Apiaries
Dewar Apiaries
Dinsdale, Julie
Enslin, Darren

Gells Honey
Glasby, Garry
Green, Lionel
Heritage Honey
Honeylife Australia
Hooper, Ben
Hoskinson, HL & HM
Ipswich/West Moreton
Beekeepers Assoc
Jones, Bryn and Warren
Jones, Daniel
Kennett, JL & KA
Klingner, Craig
Le Feuvre, Danny
Lyneham, Matthew
MacGibbon, Kevin
McLaren, Jane
Masters, N & S
Morgan, Trevor
Naicol Pty Ltd
Nairn, Mal

Northside Beekeepers Association Inc.
Panda Honey – honey buyers
Pavy, Rodney & Gail
Pure Bendigo Gold Honey
R. Stephens
Rotary Club of Caulfield
Ruge Honey
Smith, Bruce & Carolyn
Squire, Gary
Stokes, Peter
Superbee Honey Factory
Tasmanian Honey Company
Trigg, Margaret
Watson, James
Weatherhead, T & M
Weerona Apiaries
Williams JW & MA
Zadow Apiaries

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DRONE BEE SEMEN IMPORTATION

Following the Import Risk Assessment, drone bee semen will be able to be imported into Australia as of 20 June 2016, subject to biosecurity legislation and the application of sanitary measures as specified in the Review of the importation of honey bee semen.

Details of the Biosecurity Advice can be found at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos/ba2016-23>

The final review of import conditions can be found at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/animal/honey-bee-semen>

HONEY EXPORTS TO SAUDI ARABIA

The Australian officials in Saudi Arabia have been working on our behalf to have this market re-opened. To date there has been no reply to their representations.

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN LABELLING

I have received the following information on Country of Origin labelling.

- 1. We are delighted to announce that the Country of Origin Labelling online tool for food has been launched, a link to which is available from www.business.gov.au/foodlabels. This easy to use tool will assist you in choosing an appropriate label for the food product you are planning to sell in Australia. The tool will help you determine if you need a label, and if you need a standard mark that features graphics as well as text, it will then find, customise and download an appropriate label for your food product. Once you've downloaded an appropriate label, you can then save it, and print or manipulate it before affixing it to your food product prior to sale.*

We hope that this tool will go some way to helping you to comply with the Country of Origin Food Labelling Information Standard 2016. The tool has been tested by internal and external stakeholders and we welcome any further suggestions you may have to improve it.

- 2. We would also like to inform you that it has come to our attention that section 22 of the Information Standard does not fully reflect the policy adopted by Australian governments for a very narrow range of foods – namely those made in a single overseas country with at least some Australian ingredients that were subsequently packed in Australia. A detailed notice is available [here](#).*

Please contact us for any further information about these or any Country of Origin Food Labelling reforms at originlabelling@industry.gov.au

LIVE BEE EXPORTS TO THE USA

We have received no advice of any reply received by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources to the representations made to have the export of live bees to the USA resumed.

KOREAN MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has been notified that new legislation, *the Special Act on Imported Food Safety Management* (the Act), has been issued by the Republic of Korea's Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (MFDS). The Act came into effect on 4 February 2016 and will enter into force from 4 August 2016.

Many will have received this via the Honey Packers and Marketers Association of Australia or I have sent it to anyone who asked for the previous Korean advice. If you have not received this and wish for a copy let me know and I will forward to you.

HONEY MONTH

Honey month has come and gone. There are reports coming in of activities in various States. More details in the next newsletter.

AGM

Annual conferences for 2016 as I have them are:-

Queensland Beekeepers Association	13 & 14 July, Townsville
Honey Packers and Marketers Association	1 July, 2016
National Council of Pollination Associations	TBA
Australian Queen Bee Breeders Association	TBA
Australian Honey Bee Industry Council	15 July, Townsville

AHBIC AGM IN TOWNSVILLE

As has been previously advised the AHBIC AGM is being held in Townsville on Friday 15 July 2016. Observers are welcomed at the AHBIC AGM. You will need to register as we have to give numbers for catering purposes beforehand. There is a form in this newsletter to register.

The registration form and details for the QBA conference are now available on the QBA website <http://qbabees.org.au/events/coming-events/> All AHBIC delegates who will be attending the Queensland conference need to fill this out. Also note that the dinner on the Thursday night needs to be pre booked by Thursday 7 July. Registering at conference will mean you will miss out on the dinner.

Accommodation for conference can be made with the Mercure direct. Phone 07 4759 4900. It is \$129 per room per night which includes a buffet breakfast. Booking reference number to quote is **BEE070716**.

BEEKEEPER REGISTRATION COMES TO THE ACT

Beekeepers in the Australian Capital Territory (ACT) are now required to register. See http://www.canberratimes.com.au/act-news/canberra-beekeepers-put-on-notice-in-bid-to-improve-biosecurity-20160523-gp1qsp.html?eid=email:nnn-130mn573-ret_news1-membereng:nnn-04%2F11%2F2013-news_am-dom-news-nnn-ctimes-u&campaign_code=13INO001&promote_channel=edmail&mbnr=MTEwMTA1NjM

NEW CHEMICAL REGISTRATIONS

Application no.: 106001
Product name: Abamcol Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 18 g/L abamectin
Applicant name: Premier Shukuroglou AU Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 603 303 939
Summary of use For the control of certain mites on cotton, citrus, apples, capsicums, hops, pears, tomatoes, ornamentals and strawberries and native budworm on cotton
Date of registration/approval: 26 May 2016
Product registration no.: 82529
Label approval no.: 82529/106001

Application no.: 103921
Product name: ACP Chlorpyrifos 500 Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/L Chlorpyrifos (an anti-cholinesterase compound)
Applicant name: Australis Crop Protection Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 150 711 185
Summary of use For the control of certain insect pests of cassava, cereals, forage crops, fruit, ginger, grapevines, hops, oilseeds, pasture, pineapples, sugarcane, turf and vegetable crops
Date of registration/approval: 8 June 2016
Product registration no.: 81735
Label approval no.: 81735/103921

Application no.: 105873
Product name: Zeal Selective Miticide
Active constituent/s: 110 g/L etoxazole
Applicant name: Sumitomo Chemical Australia Pty Limited
Applicant ACN: 081 096 255
Summary of use For the control of mites in cotton
Date of registration/approval: 9 June 2016
Product registration no.: 82491
Label approval no.: 82491/105873

Application no: 63371
Product name: Chess Insecticide
Active constituent/s: 500 g/kg pymetrozine
Applicant name: Syngenta Australia Pty Ltd
Applicant ACN: 002 933 717
Summary of variation: To extend the use on to cotton, almonds and pistachios, various vegetables, crops, and ornamental and nursery crops for control of aphids and silverleaf whitefly
Date of variation: 9 June 2016
Product registration no.: 53311
Label approval no.: 53311/63371

HONEY IMPORT AND EXPORTS

Honey imports and exports Australia

Quarter	Imports - Tonnes	Exports - Tonnes
September 2013	1,111	1,272
December 2013	646	1,111
March 2014	957	1,070
June 2014	1,451	949
TOTAL	4,165	4,402

Top 5 Import countries for 2013 – 14

China, New Zealand, Argentina, United Kingdom, USA

Top 5 Export countries for 2013 - 14

United Kingdom, Singapore, China, Hong King, Malaysia

Quarter	Imports - Tonnes	Exports - Tonnes
September 2014	2,479	932
December 2014	2,136	984
March 2015	2,077	1,052
June 2015	2,762	1,213
TOTAL	9,454	4,181

Top 5 Import countries for 2014 – 15

China, New Zealand, Argentina, Brazil, India

Top 5 Export countries for 2014 – 15

China, Canada, Malaysia, Philippines, United Kingdom

Quarter	Imports - Tonnes	Exports - Tonnes
September 2015	2,360	1,223
December 2015	3,328	1,228
March 2016	2,439	1,062
June 2016		

EXPORTS TO THE EU

I have received the following information from the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources. Please contact exports@agriculture.gov.au if you have any queries.

The purpose of this Market Access Advice is to make Australian exporters aware of a change to requirements for packaging materials in contact with food for export to the European Union (EU).

The EU is amending Commission Regulation (EU) 10/2011 (EC 10/2011). The amendment relates to the specific migration limit (SML) for bisphenol (BPA) in plastic and coated/varnished packaging materials in contact with food.

The SML for BPA has been reduced from 0.6mg/kg of food (as per EC 10/2011) to 0.05mg/kg of food. Any packaging material that is in contact with food for export to the EU will be required to be below this limit. All other requirements outlined in EC 10/2011 remain in place.

The proposed date of adoption is September 2016. However there will be a 6-month grace period for compliance, once adopted. The department advises exporters to contact their providers of packaging materials to ensure they continue to comply with EU requirements for BPA.

RESEARCH FUNDING

The Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources, Barnaby Joyce, on 8 June 2016 announced a project to receive funding that will see more than \$5.2 million invested in R&D work headed by the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation (RIRDC), looking at ways to boost the number of pollinating insects across the nation.

Mr Joyce said effective pollination by various insects, including bees, was essential to the productivity of orchards and other crops across Australia.

“Without pollinating insects, we simply wouldn’t have the variety of crops to export or food to put on our tables,” he said.

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2016 Annual General Meeting

Friday 15 July 2016

Mercure Hotel

166 Woolcock Street, Townsville

Registration Form

(for Friday 15 July ONLY)

Non-Delegate:

Friday ONLY (includes Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea)

Cost:

\$40.00 (GST inclusive)

Name _____ Date: _____

Address _____

Phone No: _____ Email: _____

Please have AHBIC Registration and Payment to AHBIC
by 8 July 2016

Payment by Cheque

Cheque Amount: \$ _____

Please make cheque payable
to AHBIC and post to:

P.O. Box 4253

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(please include this form with Cheque)

Payment by Direct Deposit

Direct Deposit Amount: \$ _____

Bank: Bendigo Bank

Account Name: AHBIC

BSB No: 633 000

Account No: 150 976 405

Please use your NAME as REFERENCE

(please post OR email this form to AHBIC)

Registration & Payment:

➤ **To attend the Queensland Beekeepers' Association Annual Conference**

(Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July) **and Conference Dinner** (at above venue on Thursday 14th)

a separate registration & payment is required to:

Queensland Beekeepers' Association Inc

Phone: 07 3466 3542

Website: www.qbabees.org.au

➤ **AHBIC Meeting** on Friday 15 July, requires this registration & payment to AHBIC

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TAX INVOICE/RECEIPT

Name:

Address:
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Email: (Please PRINT clearly).....

Phone: Date:

Yes I wish to support my industry

Up to 50 hives = \$50.00 51 and over hives = \$1.00 per hive

Please indicate **YES** or **NO**

1. Please publicise my name (as a contributor) on the front of the AHBIC Newsletter
2. I would like to receive the AHBIC Annual Report
3. Please acknowledge this voluntary contribution with a receipt (email preferred)

1. _____
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Your contribution can be paid by **CHEQUE** (or Money Order) or **DIRECT DEPOSIT**

CHEQUE \$

DIRECT DEPOSIT: \$.....

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so your contribution can be recorded correctly**

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- ♦ quote your Name as the Reference
- ♦ email your details (as above) to ahbic@honeybee.org.au

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Thank you for supporting AHBIC to continue supporting your industry at a national level.
It is gratefully appreciated.