
 S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

1980 No. 792

BEE DISEASES**The Importation of Bees Order 1980**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	10th June 1980
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	10th June 1980
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st July 1980

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 1(1) and (2) of the Bees Act 1980(a), and of all their other enabling powers, hereby make the following order:—

Citation and commencement

1. This order may be cited as the Importation of Bees Order 1980, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1980.

Interpretation

2. In this order—

“bees” means any members of the genus *Apis*, and includes bees in any stage of their life cycle; and

“the responsible Minister” means—

(a) in relation to England, the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and

(b) in relation to Scotland and Wales, the Secretary of State.

Prohibition of importation of bees

3. Subject to the exemptions provided for in Articles 4 and 5 below, the importation of bees into Great Britain is hereby prohibited.

General licences

4.—(1) The responsible Minister may issue general licences exempting the importation of bees from the prohibition imposed by Article 3 above.

(2) A licence issued under paragraph (1) above—

(a) shall be published in such manner as the responsible Minister may decide;

(b) shall authorise generally the importation of bees from any country named in it;

(c) may be issued subject to conditions, which may be varied from time to time; and

(d) may be revoked at any time.

Specific licences

5.—(1) The responsible Minister, or any person authorised by him for the purpose, may issue specific licences exempting the importation of bees from the prohibition imposed by Article 3 above.

(2) A licence issued under paragraph (1) above—

- (a) shall be issued to a named person;
- (b) shall authorise that person to import a specified consignment or specified consignments of bees;
- (c) may be issued subject to conditions, which may be varied from time to time; and
- (d) may be revoked at any time.

Revocation

6. The Importation of Bees Order 1978(a), the Importation of Bees (Prohibition) Order 1979(b) and the Importation of Bees (Prohibition) (Amendment) Order 1979(c) are hereby revoked.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 5th June 1980.

(L.S.)

Peter Walker,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

10th June 1980.

George Younger,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

9th June 1980.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order, which is made under section 1 of the Bees Act 1980, prohibits the importation of bees into Great Britain except under the authority of a licence issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, the Secretary of State for Scotland or the Secretary of State for Wales. Licences may be general or limited to specific consignments of bees, and may be issued unconditionally or subject to specified conditions.

(a) S.I. 1978/683.

(b) S.I. 1979/587.

(c) S.I. 1979/1588.