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The Bee Diseases and Pests Control (England) Order 2006

Imported bees

11.—(1) This article applies where bees are imported into England in accordance with Article 1(1) of Commission Decision [2003/881/EC](#) concerning the animal health and certification conditions for imports of bees (*Apis mellifera* and *Bombus* spp.) from certain third countries and repealing Decision [2000/462/EC](#)(1).

(2) When the bees arrive at the apiary of destination (as indicated on the health certificate accompanying the bees), the consignee (as indicated on the health certificate accompanying the bees) shall—

- (a) transfer the queen bees to new cages before they are introduced to any local colonies of bees; and
- (b) send the cages in which the bees were transported from the country of origin, the attendant bees and other material that accompanied the queen bees from their country of origin to the Secretary of State for a laboratory examination for the presence of a notifiable pest.

(3) Following the examination referred to in paragraph (2)(b), the Secretary of State shall arrange for the cages, attendant bees and other material referred to in that paragraph to be destroyed as soon as reasonably practicable.

(4) Where bees of the species *Bombus* are imported into England in accordance with Article 2 of Commission Decision [2003/881/EC](#), the owner or person in charge of the bees shall ensure that the container in which they are transported from the country of origin and all material that accompanies the bees from the country of origin are destroyed either during or immediately at the end of the lifespan of the imported colony.