Annex 24

Chapter 9.4.  
  
**Infestation with *Aethina tumida*(Small hive beetle)**

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Article 9.4.5.

**Recommendations for the importation of individual consignments containing a single live queen bee, accompanied by a small number of associated attendants (a maximum of 20 attendants per queen)**

*Veterinary Authorities* of *importing countries* should require the presentation of an *international veterinary certificate* attesting that:

1) the bees come from *apiaries* situated in a country or *zone* free from *A. tumida*;

OR

2) the bees come from hives or colonies which were inspected ~~immediately prior to dispatch~~ on the day of packing and show no evidence of the presence of *A. tumida* based on a visual inspection and the use of one of the methods described in the relevant chapter of the *Terrestrial Manual*; and

3) the bees come from an area of at least ~~100~~ 50 km radius where no *apiary* has been subject to any restrictions associated with the occurrence of *A. tumida* for the previous six months; and

4) the bees and accompanying packaging presented for export have been thoroughly and individually inspected and do not contain *A. tumida*; and

5) the packaging material, containers, accompanying products and food are new; and

6) all precautions have been taken to prevent *infestation* or contamination with *A. tumida*, in particular, measures that prevent *infestation* of queen cages such as no long term storage of queens prior to shipment and covering the consignment of bees with fine mesh through which a live beetle cannot enter.

2) all precautions have been taken to prevent contamination with *A. tumida*.

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