

THE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

NATIONAL AMERICAN FOULBROOD PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Policy Document

Policy Number: AFB/22/0/11 - 018

Policy Title: **Destruction of Unregistered and/or Abandoned Apiaries**

Legislation: Clause 25 Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998. (Reprinted as at 5 September 2013)

Policy Procedure: Before destruction takes place the following steps must take place.

- All beekeepers within a 40km radius of the apiary site to receive a notice giving 30 days to register the apiary.
- The Management Agency or it's delegated agent to make enquiries of the occupier of the place where the beehives are situated.
- A weatherproof notice to be affixed to one of the beehives instructing the owner to notify the Management Agency of that place as an apiary within 30 days of the date of the notice.

Destruction of Apiary

- If given there is no response to the above the apiary is to be destroyed.
- The Management Agency must maintain full and comprehensive records of all actions taken to identify the owner of the beehives prior to their destruction.
- Photographic evidence where appropriate.
- Destruction to be carried out by an Authorised Person.

Supporting Document: Refer ARL Lawyers (Lower Hutt) opinion dated 5 August 2014.

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