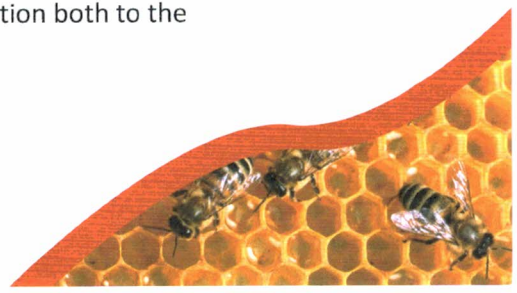


## THE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

### AMERICAN FOULBROOD NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

#### Policy Document

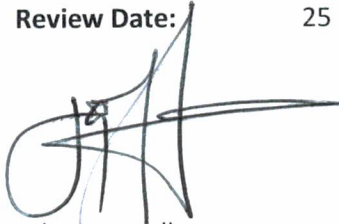
- Policy Number:** AFB/22/0/11 - 023
- Policy Title:** Leasing Beehives Guidelines
- Legislation:** Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Management Plan) Order 1998
- Scope:** Responsibility for payment of levies for hives that are under a lease arrangement: and  
Responsibility for hives in terms of regular inspections, maintaining disease free status and the timely completion and return of associated paperwork required under the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Order 1998.
- Policy Statement:** Beekeeper Requirements and Obligations
- The responsibility for payment of the levy pursuant to the Biosecurity (American Foulbrood – Apiary and Beekeeper Levy) Order 2003 falls on the legal owner of the hives and not the leaseholder.
  - The responsibility for inspections, maintaining disease free status and the completion of paperwork etc. is the responsibility of the owner of the hives.
  - The legal owner of the hives (in this case the commercial beekeeper) is the person upon whom the majority of the obligations fall pursuant to both the 1998 and 2003 Orders.
- Other Person Requirements and Obligations.
- Persons who own or occupy land or have owned or occupied land on which a honey bee colony, bee product or appliance is or has been located is required to provide information to authorised persons in such circumstances. Every person in charge of the keeping of bees must ensure the normal access to honey bees, bee products and appliances is kept free of vegetation that would impede or prevent inspection and that persons in charge of the keeping of honeybees is to provide notification both to the



Management Agency and to the relevant beekeeper if American Foulbrood is found.

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