



THE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AMERICAN FOULBROOD NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

POLICY DOCUMENT

Policy Number: AFB/22/0/11 - 009

Policy Title: Selection of Apiaries for American Foulbrood Inspection Criteria

Scope/Purpose: Beekeepers will be aware it is stated policy the Management Agency is required in accordance with the Order 98 to both target and randomly survey between 2 and 4 per cent of apiaries each year.

Status: The event is part of an inspection programme approved by the Manager American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan or by the contractor AsureQuality.

Policy Statement: Selection Criteria

The confirmed policy to be applied is as follows:

- 1) History of AFB incidence
- 2) Previous positive results from testing of bees and/or honey.
- 3) Beekeepers who have increasing reported levels of AFB.
- 4) New Beekeepers.
- 5) Beekeepers who may have rapidly expanded their hive holdings in particular from a hobby level to a semi-commercial/commercial status.
- 6) Consideration of local knowledge.
- 7) Geography must be considered in terms of travel.
- 8) Those who practice migratory beekeeping.
- 9) Those sites/beekeepers surveyed last year to be excluded from the sample for selection unless they are in a risk category as above.
- 10) Annual Disease Return and Certificate of Inspection defaulters.

Procedures: AsureQuality Ltd will apply the above criteria when raising inspection sheets.

Effective Date: This policy will be effective from 20 April 2018.

Review Date: 20 April 2021

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