

## THE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

## AMERICAN FOULBROOD NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

## **Policy Document**

**Policy Number:** AFB/22/0/11 - 019

Policy Title: Revocation of a Disease Elimination Conformity Agreement (DECA)

Legislation: Clauses 39 (1), (2) and (3) of the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood

Pest Management Plan) 1998 as amended by clause 17 of the Biosecurity (National American Foulbrood Pest Management Plan) Amendment Order

2013 (SR 2013/311)

Scope: The Disease Elimination Conformity Agreement or DECA, is a formal

agreement between the beekeeper and the Management Agency. It specifies the AFB elimination practices and procedures the beekeeper will undertake to eliminate AFB from their beehives. The agreement sets out a "code of beekeeping practice" to ensure the incidence of AFB in hives will

reduce to the lowest possible level.

The Management Agency is required to monitor beekeeper compliance with

DECA agreements.

**Policy Statement:** Please refer to the Cancelation of Disease Elimination Conformity

Agreement in the current Operational Plan.

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