



THE MANAGEMENT AGENCY

AMERICAN FOULBROOD NATIONAL PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Policy Document

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Policy Title: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Authorised Persons Level 2 (AP2) while completing tasks outside of those Instructed by an Authorised Person Level 1 (AP1)

Context

The Management Agency's AP2s are the organisation's frontline staff who play a crucial role in supporting the beekeeping sector and the Management Agency with AFB elimination. An AP2s duties can range from surveillance inspection, monitoring compliance with a plan rule or power under the Biosecurity Act 1993 and the AFB National Pest Management Plan, to education and advice for beekeepers. AP2s are granted certain powers under the Biosecurity Act 1993 to carry out their apiary inspection duties, under instruction from the Management Agency's AP1s.

Scope

When not deployed under instruction from an AP1 for the Management Agency's apiary inspection duties, there are occasions where an AP2's role could be perceived by members of the beekeeping community or public as an overreach of their statutory powers.

This SOP outlines the expectation on what procedures AP2s must follow.

When asked to perform a task by another beekeeper or member of the public involving:

- Destruction of hive ware on behalf of a beekeeper or organisation, or
- Performing independent inspections for commercial operations, (AFB or otherwise), or
- Any other occasion where authority of power could be questioned,

The Management Agency's AP2s will contact the AP1s and provide the following, prior to any actions being taken:

- Provide in writing to an AP1 an overview of tasks that will be undertaken.
- Details of name and authority given by the third party.
- A declaration that this work was not instructed by an AP1 or any other member of the Management agency.
- Await acknowledgement and confirmation from an AP1 before proceeding.

AP2s are not to refer to themselves as an AP2 or display any of the Management Agency's logos while performing this work.



A breach of the above is considered a breach of an AP2s Authorised Person warrant and the contract held with the Management Agency. Actions in line with the AP2 contract will be taken accordingly.

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