BEE DISEASES

1955 No. 589

The Importation of Bees Order, 1955

Made - - - -	18*th April*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	22*nd April*, 1955
Coming into Operation	1*st July*, 1955

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Secretary of State for Scotland, acting jointly, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them by Section 10 of the Agriculture (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1954(**a**), and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

Citation, Application and Commencement

1. This Order, which may be cited as the Importation of Bees Order, 1955, shall apply to Great Britain and shall come into operation on the first day of July, 1955.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires:—

"acarine disease" means that disease of the bee caused by the mite *Acarapis woodi* Rennie;

"amoeba disease" means that disease of the bee caused by the organism *Malpighamoeba mellificae* Prell;

"apimyasis" means those diseases of the bee caused by the larvae of dipterous flies which attack the internal organs of the bee;

"bees" means honey bees, and includes such bees in any stage of their life cycle;

"brood disease" means one of those diseases of the brood of bees known as American Foul Brood, European Foul Brood, Chalk Brood, Sac Brood and Stone Brood;

"hives" includes any receptacle used to house bees;

"nosema disease" means that disease of the bee caused by the organism *Nosema apis* Zander.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(**b**), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

Bees from the Isle of Man

3. Nothing in this Order shall be deemed to apply to bees originating in the Isle of Man and imported thence directly into Great Britain.

Importation of Bees

4.—(1) The importation into Great Britain of bees in a skep or in any other fixed-comb hive is hereby prohibited.

(2) The importation into Great Britain of bees is hereby prohibited unless before the bees were despatched a certificate as hereinafter mentioned of the

(**a**) 2 & 3 Eliz. 2. c. 39. (**b**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

appropriate Department of the Government of the country of origin of the bees shall have been forwarded by post to the Horticulture Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, London, S.W.1, in the case of bees consigned to an address in England or Wales and to the Department of Agriculture for Scotland, St. Andrew's House, Edinburgh 1, in the case of bees consigned to an address in Scotland, and unless each consignment is accompanied by a copy of the certificate relating thereto which shall be available for retention by an officer of Her Majesty's Customs and Excise.

(3) In the case of the importation of colonies of bees the certificate required by paragraph (2) of this Article shall be in the Form A set out in the Schedule to this Order. Such certificate shall refer to an examination which shall have been carried out not more than fourteen days before the date of despatch of the bees.

(4) In the case of the importation of queen bees the certificate required by paragraph (2) of this Article shall be in the Form B set out in the Schedule to this Order.

In Witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed this twelfth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *D. Heathcoat Amory,*
Minister.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State for Scotland this eighteenth day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

(L.S.) *James Stuart,*
Secretary of State for Scotland.

SCHEDULE

FORM A

Certificate for use in connection with the Importation of Colonies of Bees

This is to certify that ..... (number) colonies of bees packed in ..... forwarded by .....
to .....
were examined on ..... (date) by .....
.....
a duly authorised official of the .....
and were found to be free from any brood disease of bees, and also that a microscopical examination of samples of 100 bees of each colony by
.....
of .....
has revealed no evidence that the bees are infected with Acarine, Nosema or Amoeba Diseases or Apimyasis.

Signed .....
Official Status .....
Date .....

(Stamp of the Service)

FORM B

Certificate for use in connection with the Importation of Queen Bees

It is certified that the apiaries in which the accompanying queen bees and their attendant workers were reared were inspected during the calendar year of importation and found to be free from disease.

Signed .....

Official Status .....

Date .....

(Stamp of the Service)

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order prohibits the importation into Great Britain of bees in skeps or other fixed-comb hives and also bees which have not been certified by the responsible Department of the country of origin to be free from disease.

Importations of bees from the Isle of Man are not affected by this Order.

BORROWING (CONTROL AND GUARANTEES)

1955 No. 530

The Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order, 1955

Made - - - -	*5th April*, 1955
Laid before Parliament	*6th April*, 1955
Coming into Operation	*7th April*, 1955

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Them by section 1 and subsection (4) of section 3 of the Borrowing (Control and Guarantees) Act, 1946(a), and of all other powers enabling Them in that behalf, hereby make the following Order:—

1. The provisions of the Control of Borrowing Order, 1947(b), as amended(c), specified in the first column of the Schedule hereto shall have effect subject to the amendments specified in the second column of that Schedule.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(d), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Order may be cited as the Control of Borrowing (Amendment) Order, 1955, and shall come into operation on the seventh day of April, nineteen hundred and fifty-five.

Dated this fifth day of April, 1955.

Martin Redmayne,
Gerald Wills,

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury.

(a) 9 & 10 Geo. 6. c. 58. (b) S.R. & O. 1947/945 (Rev. III, p. 147 : 1947 I, p. 98).
(c) S.I. 1949/755 (1949 I, p. 500). (d) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.