

Bee Keeper Regulations Summary
CA Food & Agriculture Code Title 3:Division 13

Chapter 1: Bees 29000-29321

29000-13-Definitions

29009—"Pest"-AFB, any other infectious disease, parasite, pest, or hereditary disease considered detrimental to bee industry

29010—"Infested"; "infected", "diseased"-viable stage of life cycle of a pest exist on or within the colony

Registration

29040-42-Registration is required for any apiary entering the state of California.

29043-45-Registration shall be filed with the county commissioner annually by Jan 1st

29046—Apiaries not kept on personal property:

- a. **Must be identified**
Sign/stencil displayed at entrance side of apiary
Dark writing
1 in or more
Responsible party, address, telephone number (or statement if no number)
- b. **Apiaries on private property**
Must have permission from property owner on demand
With name and telephone number
- c. **Apiaries on public land**
Must have permission from property controller on demand
With name and telephone number

29047-48--Recover damages for beekeepers

29049-56--Brands/Serial numbers/Bill of sale

Intrastate Movement

29070-----Apiary movement between counties--Must notify destination commissioner

29070.5----Apiary movement within same county registered must provide commissioner with hive locations

29071-74--Diseased apiary may not be moved/transported

Pesticide Notification

29100-03--Request for pesticide notification to county commissioner

Quarantine

29110-14- -Quarantine requirements

Import/Export

29120-45---Import/Export requirements

29170-76—Diseased colony not allowed (no operation of, sale, concealment, abandoning, exposure)

Maintenance/Inspection

29177 – Hive/Appliance not occupied must not be accessible to bees—subject to abatement

“Any hive or appliance which contains any comb that is not occupied by a live bee colony and that is accessible to bees constitutes a public nuisance. The hive or appliance shall be subject to abatement in the same manner as is provided in Article 14 (commencing with Section 29200) of this chapter for abatement of disease.”

29178 & 81—Open air feeding of honey, or feeding of honey to bees in transit- not allowed

“No person shall make honey available to bees by means of open air feeding.”

29179—Movable frames must be used to allow inspection

29180—Reasonable time will be given to move bees from an unmovable hive to bee box hive with movable frames.

29190-95-Colony Strength Certification

Authority/Inspection

29200—Legislature recommends an inspection program of apiaries for vital apiary industry

29201a—Inspector may enter any apiary for inspection. Dwellings require a warrant.

29202—Pests in apiary. Inspector may mark a hive and seal it (foul brood, etc).

29203—Pests found on inspection. Keeper must be informed in writing.

Hold order details.

29204—Infested apiaries are a public nuisance, shall be abated without delay

29206-09—American Foul Brood (AFB) Abatement requirements

29210-13—Abatement appeal/Sampling as Proof/Determination

Enforcement/Penalties

29302-03—Infraction of persons failing to comply with this chapter

-Warning notice required in most general circumstances-7 days notice. See listing.

-Maximum infraction \$100 plus \$1 per colony (not to exceed \$1000)

29304----Civil Penalties/Injunctive relief (non compliance -\$500 per day)

29306— Civil Penalties of Willful/Intentional Violation (max \$2500 per violation)

29307--- Civil Penalties of Continued Violation- (max \$6000)

29308-11-Enforcement Apiary Inspector- appointed by commissioner

29321---Abandoned Hives declared public nuisance (with or without bees) and may be abated by destruction or request a beekeeper remove the hive for permanent possession –per section 29200

Chapter 2:Honey 29401-29735

29401-735 --Honey Standards/ Labeling/ Violations/ etc

Chapter 3: Seedless Mandarin & Honeybee Coexistense 29810-29812