

## Draft Regulations

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Animal Health Protection Act  
(R.S.Q., c. P-42)

#### Designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes affecting bees

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with sections 10 and 11 of the Regulations Act (R.S.Q., c. R-18.1), that the Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes affecting bees, appearing below, may be made by the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food on the expiry of 45 days following this publication.

The draft Regulation designates the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*), Tropilaelaps mites (*Tropilaelaps spp.*), the American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*) and the African bee (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) and its hybrids as contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes for the purposes of the provisions of the Animal Health Protection Act (R.S.Q., c. P-42) relating to mandatory reports, treatments or sanitary measures, the transfer or transportation of animals and the health certification of imported animals.

To date, study of the matter has revealed a negligible raise in costs for enterprises.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Sylvie Dansereau, Direction du développement et de la réglementation, Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation; telephone: 418 380-2100, extension 3114.

Any person wishing to comment on the matter is requested to submit written comments, within the 45-day period, to Madeleine Fortin, Assistant Deputy Minister, Direction générale de la santé animale et de l'inspection des aliments, 200, chemin Sainte-Foy, 12<sup>e</sup> étage, Québec (Québec) G1R 4X6; fax: 418 380-2171.

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#### Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes affecting bees

Animal Health Protection Act  
(R.S.Q., c. P-42, s. 3)

**1.** The small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*), Tropilaelaps mites (*Tropilaelaps spp.*), the American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*) and the African bee (*Apis mellifera scutellata*) and its hybrids are designated contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes, for the purposes of each of the following provisions of the Animal Health Protection Act (R.S.Q., c. P-42):

(1) the provisions of section 3.1 relating to mandatory reports;

(2) the provisions of section 3.2 to 3.4 relating to treatments or sanitary measures;

(3) the provisions of section 8 relating to the transfer or transportation of animals.

**2.** The honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) is covered by the prohibition provided for in the first paragraph of section 8 of the Animal Health Protection Act.

**3.** The small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*), Tropilaelaps mites (*Tropilaelaps spp.*) and the American foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*) are designated contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes, for the purposes of the provisions of section 9 of the Animal Health Protection Act relating to the health certification of imported animals.

**4.** In order to be valid, the certificate provided for in section 9 of the Animal Health Protection Act must have been issued no more than 30 days before the bringing into Québec of honey bees (*Apis mellifera*) which according to the certificate are free from contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents or syndromes referred to in section 3.

**5.** This Regulation comes into force on the fifteenth day following the date of its publication in the *Gazette officielle du Québec*.