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Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

ORDER DECLARING A CONTROL AREA IN RELATION TO VARROOSIS

I, Sally Salmon, Chief Veterinary Officer, as delegate of the Minister for Agriculture, make this Order under section 29 of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994**, being of the belief that it is reasonably necessary for the purpose of preventing, controlling and eradicating the exotic disease, Varroosis (*Varroa destructor*).

1. Objectives

The objectives of this Order are –

- a. to declare the whole of the State of Victoria to be a control area to prevent, control and eradicate the exotic disease Varroosis (*Varroa destructor*) in bees; and
- b. to specify the prohibitions, restrictions and requirements which are to operate in the control area.

2. Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 29 of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994**.

3. Duration of Order

The Order comes into operation at 6.50 pm on 29 June 2022 and has effect until 11.59 pm on 5 July 2022.

4. Effect on other Control Area Orders

This Order does not affect the operation of the Order Declaring a Control Area for the Prevention, Control and Eradication of Varroosis in Bees, published in Government Gazette S 256 on 25 May 2022 at pages 6–12.

5. Control area

The whole of the State of Victoria is declared to be a control area for Varroosis (*Varroa destructor*) in bees. The prohibitions, restrictions and requirements specified in Clause 8 of this Order apply in the control area.

6. Class of livestock affected by this Order

The class of livestock affected by this Order is bees.

7. Application of this Order to livestock products and fittings

This Order applies to livestock products and fittings that relate to bees or are used in relation to apiary.

8. Prohibitions, restrictions and requirements in the control area

- (1) A person must not permit the movement of livestock, livestock products, or fittings to which this Order applies from any Australian State or Territory into the control area, if Varroosis (*Varroa destructor*) is present in that State or Territory.
- (2) Varroosis (*Varroa destructor*) is present in a State or Territory for the purposes of subclause (1) if the Government of the State or Territory has declared the Varroosis (*Varroa destructor*) to be present in that State or Territory.
- (3) Subclause (1) does not apply to a person who –
 - (a) has been issued a permit by an inspector under section 30 of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994** which allows the movement of livestock, livestock products, or fittings into the control area; and
 - (b) permits the movement of livestock, livestock products, or fittings into the control area in accordance with the permit, provided that the person complies with any conditions set out in the permit.

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