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Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

ORDER DECLARING A CONTROL AREA IN RELATION TO VARROOSIS

I, Graeme Cooke, 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.

1. Objectives

The objectives of this Order are –

- (a) to declare a control area to prevent, control and eradicate the exotic disease Varroosis in bees; and
- (b) to specify the prohibitions, restrictions and requirements which are to operate in relation to 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 12.00 am on 3 August 2022 and has effect until 11.59 pm on 9 August 2022.

4. Definitions

In this Order –

control area means the area described in Clause 6 of this Order.

processed honey means any honey that has undergone extraction, filtering (to remove wax cappings and dead bees), decanting into clean containers and packaging in a facility which is inaccessible to bees;

processed wax means any wax that has undergone melting, filtering (to remove bees, brood, debris), rendering, packing into clean containers and packaging in a facility which is inaccessible to bees;

Sunraysia region means the area within the control area shown hatched on the plan in Schedule 1 to this Order; and

Varroosis means the exotic disease caused by the exotic disease agent *Varroa destructor* (varroa mite).

5. 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 Victoria Government Gazette S 256 on 25 May 2022 at pages 6–12.

6. Control area

The whole of the State of Victoria is declared to be a control area for Varroosis.

7. Class of livestock affected by this Order

The class of livestock affected by this Order is bees.

8. Class of livestock products and fittings affected by this Order

The livestock products and fittings affected by this Order are livestock products (excepting processed honey or processed wax) and fittings that have been used in relation to bees or beekeeping.

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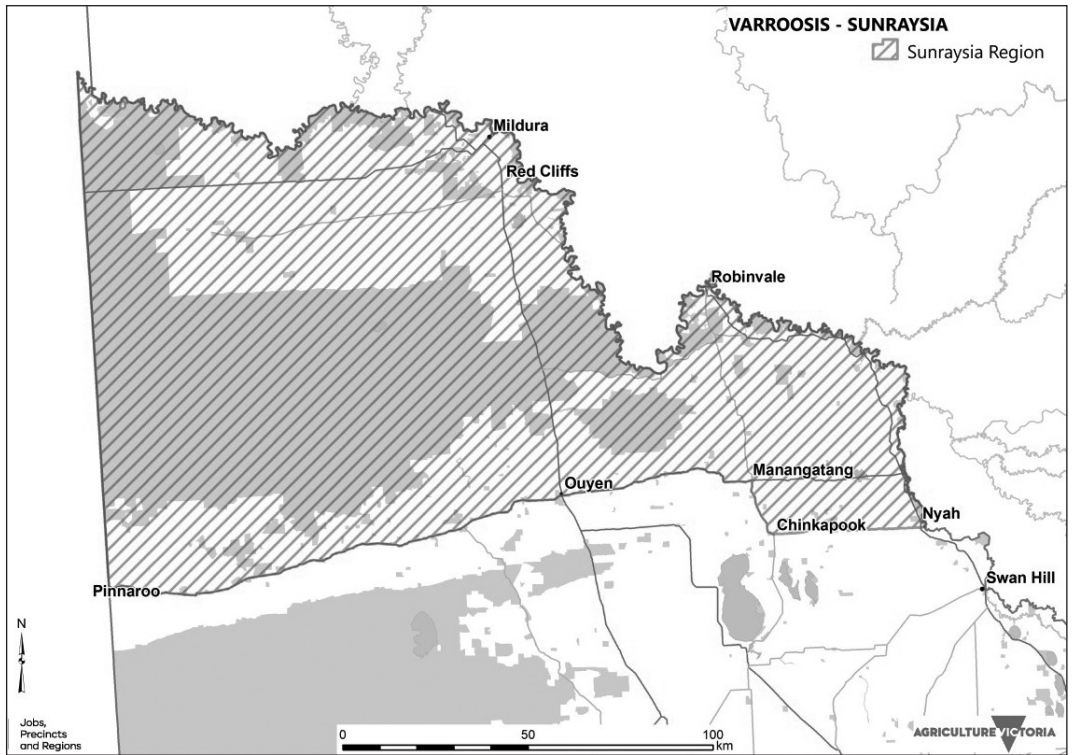
9. Prohibitions, restrictions and requirements that apply in relation to the control area

- (1) A person must not cause or permit the movement of livestock, livestock products, or fittings into the control area from any Australian State or Territory where –
 - (a) Varroosis is present; or
 - (b) Varroosis is not present, if the livestock, livestock products or fittings were, at any time after 1 January 2022, in a State or Territory where Varroosis is present.
- (2) Varroosis 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 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.

10. Prohibitions, restrictions and requirements that apply in relation to the Sunraysia region

- (1) A person must not cause or permit the movement of livestock, livestock products, or fittings into the Sunraysia Region from –
 - (a) any Australian State or Territory; or
 - (b) any other part of the Control Area.
- (2) 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 Sunraysia region; and
 - (b) permits the movement of livestock, livestock products, or fittings into the Sunraysia region in accordance with the permit, provided that the person complies with any conditions set out in the permit.

Schedule 1 Sunraysia Region



Dated 2 August 2022

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