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Livestock Disease Control Act 1994

ORDER DETERMINING THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH COMPENSATION IS PAYABLE AND THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF COMPENSATION PAYABLE FOR QUEEN BEES AND HIVES

Order in Council

1. The Governor in Council under sections 69(1) and 69(3) of the **Livestock Disease Control Act 1994** (the Act) –
 - a) revokes the Order determining the circumstances in which compensation is payable and the maximum amounts of compensation payable for queen bees and hives made by the Governor in Council on 27 October 2015 and published in the Government Gazette No. G 43 on 29 October 2015, at pages 2335–2336; and
 - b) determines that, in accordance with section 69(1) of the Act, compensation is payable in the following circumstances –
 - i. where a queen bee is destroyed, or ordered to be destroyed, by an inspector because of the presence of American foulbrood disease and the method of destruction is in accordance with any directions made by an inspector;
 - ii. where a 3-box hive (or equivalent in hive material) is ordered to be destroyed to prevent the spread of American foulbrood disease and is destroyed by means of burning, deep burial or other means as directed by an inspector;
 - iii. where a 3-box hive (or equivalent in hive material) is ordered to be disinfected to prevent the spread of American foulbrood disease and is disinfected by means of gamma or x-ray irradiation conducted at any Steritech Pty Ltd premises within Victoria;
 - iv. where a 3-box hive (or equivalent in hive material) is ordered to be disinfected to prevent the spread of American foulbrood disease and is disinfected by means of gamma- or x-ray irradiation conducted by Steritech Pty Ltd, at any of its premises outside Victoria;
 - v. where a 3-box hive (or equivalent in hive material) is ordered to be disinfected to prevent the spread of American foulbrood disease and is disinfected by hot wax dipping; and
 - c) determines that, in accordance with section 69(3)(e) of the Act, the maximum amount of compensation is –
 - i. \$20 for each queen bee destroyed in accordance with paragraph (b)(i); and
 - ii. \$28.60 for each 3-box hive (or equivalent in hive material) destroyed or disinfected, as the case may be, in accordance with paragraph (b)(ii), (b)(iii), (b)(iv) or (b)(v).

Definitions

2. In this Order –

Deep burial means burial at a site operating under a Commonwealth Approved Arrangement Class 8.2 (in accordance with the **Biosecurity Act 2015** (Cth)) site for deep burial or as directed by an inspector.

Inspector has the same meaning as in section 3(1) of the Act.

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Commencement

3. This Order comes into effect on the date it is published in the Government Gazette.

Dated: 18 June 2024

Responsible Minister:

The Hon. Ros Spence MP

Minister for Agriculture

ANGELA SMITH
Clerk of the Executive Council

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