



PROTOCOL FOR THE TRANSIT

of bees on Québec territory in 2022

Any beekeeper planning to have colonies, nuclei or packages of bees transit through Québec territory **must** have a transit authorization issued by the Direction de la santé animale (DSA) of the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ).

Note: Beekeepers wishing to import bees into Québec for a **temporary or permanent stay** should refer to the appropriate introduction protocol for their situation.

This protocol contributes to ensure a reasonable degree of protection against the risk of infestation by *Aethina tumida* (small hive beetle), a bee disease designated in the *Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes* (CQLR, c. P-42, r. 4.2). This protocol targets beekeeping operations planning to have bees from other Canadian provinces or territories transit through Québec, and specifies the requirements that these businesses must meet to be eligible for an authorization to transit through Québec territory.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY

Trucks from another province carrying colonies, nuclei or packages of bees through Québec territory to another province must follow these rules:

1. The bee shipment must be either:
 - Contained in a sealed and refrigerated vehicle;
 - Covered with fine mesh netting through which bees and small hive beetles are unable to pass.
2. The route taken must be as direct as possible.

PROCEDURE

The owner of the beekeeping operation from which the bees to be transported originate must:

1. Contact their provincial apiarist to ensure that they meet Québec's basic health requirements.
2. Complete the *Application for the transport of bees through Québec territory* (Annex 1).
3. Send their request to the MAPAQ by email at animaux@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca or by fax at 418-380-2201.

For more information, contact the central reporting line of MAPAQ's Direction de la santé animale at 1-844-ANIMAUX.

Expect a minimum of five working days between the date the MAPAQ receives the documents and the issuance of the transit authorization. The owner of the bees **must be in possession of this authorization when the bees transit through Québec territory**. Failure to comply with this provision may result in penal prosecution and seizure of the bees pursuant to the *Animal Health Protection Act* (CQLR, c. P-42, s. 55.43).

Given the evolution of the knowledge on which the rules governing the import of bees into Québec territory is based, this protocol may be amended without notice.

APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSPORT OF BEES THROUGH QUÉBEC TERRITORY

(To be completed by the owner of the beekeeping operation)

As the owner of the bees to be introduced into Québec territory,

I, the undersigned: _____

Corporate name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Postal code: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

hereby request transit authorization for:

			Trip: Return:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Brunswick <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> Prince Edward Island <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Number	Description (nucleus, colony or package)	Number of trucks	Projected transit date	Destination

and declare that the transport method for the bees to transit through Québec meets provincial health requirements:

The shipment will:

be transported in a sealed and refrigerated truck;

or

be covered with fine mesh netting through which bees and small hive beetles are unable to pass.

The route taken will be as direct as possible.

I acknowledge my liability for any financial loss arising from any misrepresentations regarding these health requirements.

Signature of the owner of the beekeeping operation

Date

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