

Animal Diseases (Varroa Mite Import Restriction) Declaration 2022

Disallowable instrument DI2022-172

made under the

Animal Diseases Act 2005, s 15 (Import restrictions)

1 Name of instrument

This instrument is the *Animal Diseases (Varroa Mite Import Restriction) Declaration 2022*.

2 Commencement

This instrument commences on the day after its notification day.

3 Declaration

I declare the state of New South Wales to be subject to an import restriction.

4 Declared animals

This declaration applies to European honey bees (*Apis mellifera*).

5 Disease to which declaration relates

This declaration is made in relation to Varroasis (*Varroa destructor*).

Note Varroasis (*Varroa destructor*) is declared to be an exotic disease pursuant to the Act, s 12.

6 Restrictions on importing

- (1) The import into the ACT of European honey bees and beehives that have been in the state of New South Wales at any time since 22 December 2021 is prohibited.
- (2) The import into the ACT of apiary equipment that has been in the state of New South Wales is prohibited.

Note The prohibitions in this clause do not apply to new beehives or new apiary equipment.

7 Definitions

In this instrument:

apiary equipment means anything that has been used in relation to the acquisition or keeping of European honey bees or in relation to the processing, handling or storing of apiary products.

apiary product means anything produced by bees but does not include processed honey or other apiary products that have been processed to remove any impurities.

beehive means a receptacle has been used for housing European honey bees and includes the contents of that receptacle.

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