

Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
San Juan, Puerto Rico

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Approved: Alfonso López Chaz
Secretary of State
By: Lambert J. de la Cruz
Assistant Secretary of State

DOMESTIC QUARANTINE NO. 5

TO PREVENT THE INTRODUCTION INTO THE ISLAND OF
VIEQUES OF DISEASES AND DANGEROUS PESTS OF BEES
(Apis mellifera)

- WHEREAS: Dangerous pests of bees, such as Acarapis woodi and Varroa jacobsoni, have appeared in the United States of America; and african and africanized bees are reaching the continent representing therefore, a danger to apiculture if they reach to Puerto Rico;
- WHEREAS: The existence in the Island of Puerto Rico of dangerous diseases and pests of bees, such as American foulbrood, caused by Bacillus larvae, European foulbrood, caused by Streptococcus pluton, and others, have been confirmed;
- WHEREAS: In accordance with the most recent information, the Island of Vieques is free from dangerous diseases and pests of bees;
- WHEREAS: The introduction into the Island of Vieques of these dangerous diseases and pests of bees would be disastrous for its apicultural industry;
- WHEREAS: There exists the danger of introducing these dangerous diseases and pests of bees in live bees, dead bees, apicultural products and any material or equipment used in apiculture from the Island of Puerto Rico or other places;
- WHEREAS: The Department of Agriculture of Puerto Rico intends to sponsor and promote a queen bees production program in the Island of Vieques;

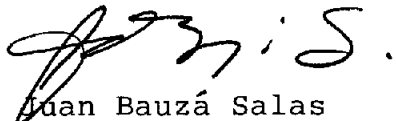
For such purposes, the introduction into the Island of Vieques of live bees in any of its stages of development, honeycombs, dead bees of any type, bee semen, and any material or equipment previously used by apiculturists in their apiaries is hereby prohibited.

The Secretary of Agriculture may allow the introduction to the Island of Vieques of bees, honey or materials and equipment which may be necessary, through the granting of a written permit and under those conditions prescribed by him in said permit.

LEGAL AUTHORITY AND EFFECTIVENESS:

This quarantine is promulgated by the Secretary of Agriculture by virtue of Act No. 60, of April 25, 1940, as amended, known as "Act of the Department of Agriculture". The same shall take effect thirty (30) days after filing thereof in the Office of the Secretary of State of Puerto Rico the original and two copies of its Spanish and English texts, in accordance with the provisions of Act No. 60 and Act No. 112 of June 30, 1957, as amended.

Approved on **FEB. 29 1988**, 1988, in San Juan,
Puerto Rico.


Juan Bauzá Salas
Secretary of Agriculture