

Scottish Government

**NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEASURES: FRANCE
THE BEE DISEASES AND PESTS CONTROL (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2007
THE BEES ACT 1980**

The Scottish Ministers have reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in the Department of Réunion, an overseas department and region of France.

Under article 11A(1) of the Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) Order 2007⁽¹⁾, Scottish Ministers declare the following necessary special measures on importation into Scotland in order to prevent the introduction of small hive beetle:

Prohibition of importation into Scotland

1. Importation into Scotland of the following things originating in or dispatched from the Department of Réunion, an overseas department and region of France, is prohibited:

- (a) honeybees (*Apis mellifera*);
- (b) bumble bees (*Bombus spp.*);
- (c) apiculture by-products which have not been subjected to any relevant temperature treatment, refinement or processing as referred to in points (a) and (b) of the fourth column (Import and transit conditions) of row 10 (Apiculture by-products) of Table 2 of Section 1 of Chapter II of Annex XIV to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011⁽²⁾;
- (d) apiculture products in honeycomb intended for human consumption; and
- (e) used beekeeping equipment.

Interpretation

2. In this Notice:

- (a) “apiary” means an establishment which keeps honeybees or bumble bees;
- (b) “apiculture by-products” has the same meaning as in point 10 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011;
- (c) “apiculture products” has the same meaning as in point 2 of Part IX of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 1308/2013⁽³⁾;
- (d) “beehive” means a container used for keeping honeybees or bumble bees; and
- (e) “used beekeeping equipment” means used beehives, parts of beehives and utensils used in an apiary.

⁽¹⁾ S.S.I. 2007/506. Article 11A was inserted by S.S.I. 2023/114.

⁽²⁾ EUR 142/2011.

⁽³⁾ EUR 1308/2013.

Duration of special measures

3. The special measures in this Notice apply from the beginning of the day after the day on which this Notice is made until this Notice is suspended, amended or revoked by further notice.

Date made: 25th May 2023

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Importation of any thing in breach of this Notice is an offence under section 1(7) of the Bees Act 1980⁽⁴⁾.

⁽⁴⁾ 1980 c. 12