

Scottish Government

## **NOTICE OF DECLARATION OF SPECIAL MEASURES: ITALY**

### **THE BEE DISEASES AND PESTS CONTROL (SCOTLAND) ORDER 2007**

The Scottish Ministers have reasonable grounds for suspecting the existence of small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in the Region of Sicily, Italy.

Under article 11A(1) of the Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) Order 2007<sup>(1)</sup>, 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 any of the following bees or other things originating in or dispatched from the Region of Sicily, Italy 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 2 of Annex 14 to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011;
  - (d) apiculture products in honeycomb intended for human consumption;
  - (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 1 to Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011;
- (c) “apiculture products” means honey, beeswax, royal jelly, propolis or pollen;
- (d) “beehive” means a container used for keeping honeybees or bumble bees;
- (e) “Commission Regulation (EU) 142/2011” means Commission Regulation (EU) No 142/2011 of 25 February 2011 implementing Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council laying down health

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

rules as regards animal by-products and derived products not intended for human consumption and implementing Council directive 97/78/EC as regards certain samples and items exempt from veterinary checks at the border under that Directive<sup>(2)</sup>; and

- (f) “used beekeeping equipment” means used beehives, parts of beehives and utensils used in an apiary.

### **Duration of special measures**

4. This Notice has effect 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: 31 October 2024

Signed

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**Importation of bees or other things in breach of this Notice is an offence under section 1(7) of the Bees Act 1980<sup>(3)</sup>.**

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<sup>(2)</sup> [EUR 2011/142](#)

<sup>(3)</sup> [1980 c. 12](#)