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## PERMITS TO ENTER DIEBACK QUARANTINE AREA

## BEEKEEPER AND APICULTURE BRANCH.

1. Several matters of procedure require clarification covering permits for beekeepers and apiculture officers (Dept. of Agriculture) entering dieback quarantine areas.

For beekeepers standard conditions are necessary covering notifications, permit renewals and conditions.

For apiculture staff from the Dept. of Agriculture a blanket permit is necessary to cover visits to apiary sites. A number of sites in several divisions may be covered in one inspection.

2. Beekeepers.

The following action is proposed subject to your early comment on problems likely to be encountered:

- 2.1 Generally, beekeepers' permits will be issued on long term basis (one to two months, depending on weather) by the Divisions. These permits are to be renewed by letter (FD638). A new permit document is unnecessary unless faults within it are revealed.
- 2.2 All long term permits (including S.E.C., M.W.S. etc.) require clear definition of additional conditions for vehicle cleanliness, notifications etc. These must be shown in writing on the permit document (refer permit examples forwarded previously.)

The attached list of conditions should appear on the rear face of all long term permits for beekeepers, unless special exemptions can be demonstrated.

Note: These conditions do not cover specific permit requirements such as wash down on access routes. The item numbers on the attached list of conditions refer to face of the permit document.

- 2.3 It is unnecessary and costly for permit holders to provide written advice each time the permit is used. The permit holder will record dates on which permit was/will be used (as required in conditions) and forward slips to the division every two months while the site is occupied. Divisions will require a bring-up system to ensure slips are received on time and a register to show date of entry. New slips should be appended to renewal notices after deleting the phrase "within ten days of expiry of permit" see attached.

3. Apiculture Branch Dept. of Agriculture.

Officers from Apiculture Branch have two requirements for entering quarantine area.

3.1 To visit beekeepers' sites in event of calls for advice. Under these conditions sites will be occupied and it has been agreed apiculture staff may enter quarantine area subject to conditions of the beekeeper's permit and accompanied by the beekeeper. A blanket permit will be issued to the Branch for this purpose by Protection Section, Como. Conditions are shown in the attached list for beekeepers.

3.2 To inspect sites and forest conditions for beekeeping. This requires visiting a number of sites which may or may not be occupied. In special circumstances permits can be issued by Protection Section Como in liaison with divisions but whenever possible Apiculture Section staff are to call at the local divisional office for a permit. Routes will be subject to best road conditions (shown on D4 plan) and wash down requirements will be specified.

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## ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS

## Item 5.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to give prior advice to the Forests Dept. headquarters nominated on the face of this permit of:

registration number (s)  
type of vehicle (s) (truck, sedan car, utility etc.)  
colour of vehicle (s)

entering the quarantine area on each occasion the permit is used. The permit holder may cover vehicles owned by the Apiculture Branch, Dept. of Agriculture in this advice.

## Item 7.

It is the responsibility of the permit holder to ensure his/her vehicles are free of dirt or mud before entering the quarantine area. The Officer in Charge of Apiculture Branch will be similarly responsible for cleanliness of Branch's vehicles.

Vehicles may be washed, if required, at the Forests Dept. headquarters nominated on the face of this permit, or washed down by the permit holder. Where wash down is required within state forest it must be carried out at nominated wash down points.

## Item 8.

This permit is invalidated unless the permit holder gives prior notice, which may be verbal, of intention to enter the quarantine area to the Forests Dept. headquarters nominated on the face of the permit. The permit holder may include staff of the Apiculture Branch, Dept. of Agriculture in this notice.

Staff of the Apiculture Branch, Dept. of Agriculture, entering the Quarantine Area on the permit, must be accompanied by the permit holder and are subject to the conditions of this permit.

In addition, the permit holder is required to record (on the slip provided) dates on which the permit was used. The permit holder is to forward these slips to the Forests Dept. headquarters shown on the face of this permit at two-monthly intervals during occupancy of the apiary site(s) covered by this permit.

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