

State of California
Department of Food and Agriculture
Bee Safe Program
HOLD ORDER FOR DISEASED APIARY
NOTICE TO ABATE NUISANCE

Date _____

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the undersigned Agricultural Commissioner on _____ did make or cause to be made an inspection of that certain apiary located and described as follows:

That upon said inspection disease, to wit: American Foulbrood, was found to exist in _____ colonies (consisting of _____ infected supers) of the _____ colonies in said apiary; and that said apiary is by law declared to be a public nuisance;

That the inspector making said inspection did then and there place upon the hive of each colony of diseased bees the following marks, to wit: the letters AFB preceded by a numeral to indicate the total number of hive bodies or supers occupied by each diseased colony, together with the date and the initials of the inspector.

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED within _____ hours from the date and hour of service (or postal receipt showing service) upon you of this notice to abate said disease by killing the bees, if there be any, in the diseased colonies and disposing of the hives, together with their contents, by:

Burning the contents of the diseased colonies, including the bees, comb, and associated frames, in a pit, burying the ashes no less than two feet below the surface of the ground, or in an incinerator approved by the undersigned, and disinfecting by scorching the hive bodies, covers, bottom boards, supers, and appliances associated therewith.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that it is unlawful to fail to comply with this notice; and that if you refuse or neglect to abate the disease within the time specified in this notice, legal action will be taken as provided in Food and Agricultural Code Sections 29302-29304; and that those portions of this notice designated by an open square apply only when so indicated by a mark;

That from and after the date of this notice said apiary is held by the undersigned Agricultural Commissioner; and that it is unlawful to move said apiary or any part thereof, or any other bee equipment, from said location for any purpose whatsoever, unless such movement has been authorized in advance by an inspector, until the disease has been abated as set forth in this notice and until said apiary has been released from this Hold Order; and that upon request said apiary will be released from this Hold Order by the undersigned Agricultural Commissioner following their determination that the disease has been abated.

Notice

Served _____

Mailed _____

Posted _____

Agricultural Commissioner

Original to Beekeeper

2nd to Department

3rd to county

4th to apiary - printed in red

County

Apiary Inspector

Hold Order posted at the apiary

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