

LAWS OF GUYANA

IMPORTATION OF BEES ACT

CHAPTER 71:06

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**An Act to regulate the importation of bees and bee-keepers' stock.**

[28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 1935]

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Importation of Bees Act.

Interpretation.

2. In this Act—

“bee” means the honey producing bee (*apis mellifica*) and its varieties and any other honey producing bee kept for the extraction of honey;

“beekeepers’ stock” includes honey, combs, hives that have been in use and other products of, and articles used in connection with, beekeeping;

“the regulations” means any regulations made under the authority of this Act.

Power to  
Minister to  
make  
regulations for  
importation of  
bees.

3. The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of regulating the importation of bees and bee-keepers' stock.

Penalty for  
importing bees  
in contraven-  
tion of the  
regulations.  
[6 of 1997]

4. Any person who, in contravention of the regulations, imports or aids and abets any person in the importation of any bees or bee-keepers' stock shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine of nineteen thousand five hundred dollars.

Power to seize  
and destroy  
bees imported  
in contraven-  
tion of the  
regulations,  
and  
compensation  
for wrongful  
destruction of  
bee stock.  
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5. Where any officer of customs, or any police officer not below the rank of assistant superintendent has reasonable grounds for believing that any beekeepers' stock or bees have been imported in contravention of the regulations he may seize the same in which case he shall forthwith notify the Chief Agricultural Officer of the seizure, and if the Chief Agricultural Officer is satisfied that any such stock or bees have been imported in contravention of the regulations he may cause the same to be destroyed:

Provided that in the event of its being subsequently proved that the stock or bees which have been destroyed were not imported in contravention of the regulations the Minister may direct that compensation to the extent of the damage sustained by reason of the destruction be paid to the owner thereof.

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## SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION

Reg.3/7/1936

**IMPORTATION OF BEES  
REGULATIONS***made under section 3*

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Importation of Bees Regulations.

Importation of certain bees and bee-keepers' stock prohibited without permission.

2. Without written permission from the Chief Agricultural Officer no person shall import into Guyana any —

- (a) honey combs, or
- (b) hives and other bee-keepers' stock which have previously been in use, or
- (c) queen bees, or
- (d) worker bees and drone bees in any stage of development.

Restriction on quantity of bees or bee-keepers' stock to be imported.

3. The chief Agricultural Officer in granting permission to any applicant may limit the number of bees or the quantity of any products or articles mentioned in the last preceding regulation that may be imported by that applicant.

Imported packages to be addressed c/o Chief Agricultural Officer and bees not to be removed

4. Queen bees shall be imported in packages addressed to the applicant in care of the Chief Agricultural Officer, Georgetown, and no person shall remove any queen bee from the package or cage in which it has been imported except in accordance with the directions of the Chief Agricultural Officer.

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without  
permission.

Importation of  
queen bees at  
importer's risk.

5. Every importation of queen bees shall be made at the importer's risk and no claim for damages or compensation shall be made or be sustainable by him for any deaths or losses of queen bees that may occur in carrying out these Regulations.

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