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## PLANT PROTECTION & WEED MANAGEMENT

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In accordance with Maryland State Apiary Inspection (Maryland Department of Agriculture-MDA) Laws and Regulations, Beekeepers are required to conform to the following laws and regulations. It is unlawful for any person **not** to comply with Maryland Apiary Laws and Regulations as set forth in Subtitle 5: (Key excerpts of Subtitle 5 follow.)

### Movement into State:

Established colonies, nucs, used hives (related equipment), other appliances, bees and/or queens being transferred into state:

#### **Documents and procedures required –**

1. Request entry permits into State.
2. Inspection permits required by state of origin.
3. Contact MDA for additional information regarding these lawful procedures.

### Movement out of State:

Established colonies, nucs, used hives (related equipment), other appliances, bees and/or queens being transported out of the state of Maryland for relocation (either temporary or permanent residence) into another state:

#### **Documents and procedures required –**

1. Request inspection through MDA.
2. Request exit / entry permits through MDA to the new location.
3. Contact MDA for additional information regarding these lawful procedures.

### Established colonies, nucs and queens, used hives (related equipment) and other appliances for Sale in or out of the State of Maryland:

Contact MDA for proper, lawful procedures required of you if you intend to be engaged in any or all of the above activities at any time during the current registration period.

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#### Apiary (out-yards) Identification Required:

Identification is required with the Beekeeper's identification number (as found on your current registration certificate) in or on apiaries located on another person's property (out-yard). That is, those apiaries not designated as your home yard at your home address are designated as out-yards. Call MDA or your regional apiary inspector for proper procedures on this requirement.

#### Registration of newly established apiary out-yards:

Newly established out-yard apiaries, established on another person's property, after the close of the initial years' registration (March 15), must be registered with MDA prior to the start of the next years registration period (November 1 of the current year). If new home yard, locations or out-yard locations are not registered with the MDA prior to November 1, please follow the instructions for registering these yards on your renewal registration application for the next year (mailed to you mid-December).

#### Movable Frame Requirements:

In each colony (including top bar or other woodenware equipment arrangements) being maintained by a Beekeeper, he/she shall provide movable frames (as required by law). Each movable frame may be removed from the colony without damage to adjacent combs or frames.

#### Bee Diseases, Diseased Colonies, Equipment and Related Appliances:

"Bee Diseases" shall be construed to mean American Foulbrood (*Bacillus Larvae*), European Foulbrood (*Bacillus Pluton*) or any other infection determined by the Maryland Department of Agriculture to be transmissible to other bee colonies and/or that represents a threat to Beekeeping in the State of Maryland.