

# 2025 NEW BRUNSWICK HONEY BEE TRANSIT PROTOCOL

## OVERVIEW

The 2025 New Brunswick Honey Bee Importation Protocol for the importation or transit of honey bees and used beekeeping equipment from within Canada is reviewed on an annual basis and is subject to change without notice.

According to the New Brunswick *Bee Act*, section 18, a person who wishes to import, or cause to be imported, bees or used beekeeping equipment into the province from another province or territory of Canada shall apply to the Provincial Apiarist for an import and transport permit.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is responsible for issuing an import permit for bee packages or queens imported into Canada. These do not require an additional import or transit permit from New Brunswick if they are in the original packaging and have not been potentially exposed to honey bees or honey bee pests or diseases in Canada.

The New Brunswick Department of Agriculture, Aquaculture and Fisheries (DAAF) reserves the right to refuse the entry of all colonies or used beekeeping equipment from an apiary or beekeeper. DAAF is not responsible for damage or loss caused by imported and/or New Brunswick honey bee colonies infested with honey bee pests and diseases. The Department does not guarantee, represent, or warrant that the imported colonies and/or New Brunswick colonies are pest free.

## PROTOCOL FOR TRANSIT THROUGH NEW BRUNSWICK

- a. The importer (e.g., the person receiving the bees) must complete an application for each beekeeping operation exporting bees transiting through New Brunswick to the New Brunswick Provincial Apiarist at least ten (10) days prior to the expected transport date.
- b. Honey bees colonies must be inspected by an authorized honey bee inspector in the province of origin within 45 days of the expected transit date through New Brunswick.
- c. The exporter must ensure that a copy of the Permit to Transit Honey Bees and used Beekeeping Equipment through New Brunswick accompanies the honey bee colonies, nucleus colonies (nucs), queens, used hive components, used beekeeping utensils during transportation.

### For more information, please contact:

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**APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO  
Transit Honey Bees and used Beekeeping  
Equipment from within Canada to  
New Brunswick in 2025**

Office Use:

**IMPORTER INFORMATION**

PLEASE PRINT

First Name:	Last name:	Company:
Address:		City:
Province:	County:	Postal code:
Telephone:	Cell phone:	Fax:
Email:		

**EXPORTER INFORMATION:**

First Name:	Last name:	Company:
Address:		City:
Province:	County:	Postal code:
Telephone:	Cell phone:	Fax:
Email:		

**INFORMATION ON TRANSIT OF HONEY BEES:**

# of colonies	Expected date traveling through NB (DD/MM/YYYY)	Expected date traveling through NB (if returning to original province) (DD/MM/YYYY)	Destination Province

**EQUIPMENT:**

Used Hive component list	Used beekeeping utensils (list)
Signature:	Date (YYYY/ MM / DD):