



2025 ABC Resolution Form

TITLE OF RESOLUTION:

Safeguarding the Health of Alberta's Honey Bees **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION RATIONALE/PURPOSE:

- Whereas honey bee health in Canada has been in decline for 15 years
- Whereas healthy honey bee stock is critical to a secure and affordable food and feed supply
- Whereas the health and quality of packaged honey bee imports from Australia and New Zealand have declined over the past 5 years
- Whereas the Tropilaelaps mite has been found in close proximity to Italy and Australia
- Whereas the importation of packaged bees and bee products from outside of North America poses a risk to the long-term viability of the Canadian beekeeping, crop pollination and honey industries

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Alberta Beekeepers Commission work with provincial and national organizations to lobby Alberta Agriculture and Irrigation, Agriculture and Agri-food Canada, Health Canada and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency to close the Canadian border to all packaged honey bee imports, including queens from outside North America (excluding Hawaii).

RESOLUTION BACKGROUND INFORMATION

<https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/AustraliaHoneybeeProhibition12-20-2010.pdf>
<https://sitesv2.anses.fr/en/minisite/abeilles/geographical-spread-exotic-mite-tropilaelaps-spp-presence-suspected-belarus-and>
https://pir.sa.gov.au/biosecurity/animal_health/animal_species/bees/varroa_mite#

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<https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/animals-and-livestock/bees/pests-diseases/other-pests-and-diseases/tropilaelaps-mites#:~:text=Summary,losses%20of%20honey%20bee%20colonies> .

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