



# 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#](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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