

AGM Resolution Submission Form 2025

TITLE OF RESOLUTION:

Proactive Risk Management of the Potential Threat of Tropilaelaps mite - CARRIED

RATIONALE / PURPOSE FOR RESOLUTION:

- Whereas Tropilaelaps presents a significant danger to the beekeeping industry,
- Whereas the geographic distribution of Tropilaelaps is changing rapidly,
- Whereas a swarm of bees recently found on a ship off the coast of New Jersey, tested positive for the Tropilaelaps mite,
- Whereas the North American Beekeeping industry must have incident command systems in place to prevent affected swarms found on ships or other means of transportation from being accidentally brought on shore,
- Whereas past efforts to wipe out bee pests like Varroa mite have failed, and Tropilaelaps is considered significantly harder to detect,
- Whereas the importation of California Queens is essential to the viability of the Canadian beekeeping industry,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Be it resolved that the Alberta Beekeepers Commission work towards ensuring the Canadian and US beekeeping industry and supply chains work together and adopt a management-first approach:

- Focusing on early detection and strong monitoring, especially at ports and borders
- Stopping imports from high-risk regions until they're proven safe
- Encouraging open reporting
- Ensuring CFIA and APHIS have coordinated response plans ready to go (without closing the border)
- Ensure California breeders have protocols in place to show they are Tropilaelaps free
- Avoiding mass hive destruction

RESOLUTION BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

- <https://beeguards.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Policy-brief-Apis-florea-and-Tropilaelaps.pdf>
- Scientific Opinion on the risk of entry of *Aethina tumida* and *Tropilaelaps* spp. In the EU
<https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/pdf/10.2903/j.efsa.2013.3128>
- <https://honeybeehealthcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Tropi-Full-Primer.pdf>
- <https://beeguards.eu/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Policy-brief-Apis-florea-and-Tropilaelaps.pdf>
- USA Tropilaelaps alert

"The New Jersey Department of Agriculture in partnership with the USDA helped to successfully mitigate the risk of parasitic honey bee mites arriving at the Port of Newark, New Jersey in a swarm of bees on board a container ship."

- **War Gaming Tropi: Could Tropilaelaps mites Invade the U.S.?**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5jQgomqgdQ&t=225s>

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