

# BIOSECURITY ACT 2019

## Section 191

### GENERAL BIOSECURITY DIRECTION (EMERGENCY)

I, Andrew Bishop, being and as the Chief Plant Protection Officer under the *Biosecurity Act 2019* ('the Act'), acting pursuant to section 191 of the Act, and being satisfied that a biosecurity emergency is occurring, has occurred or is imminent, and it is necessary to assess, prevent, control or manage the biosecurity emergency, hereby issue a general biosecurity direction, the requirements of which are set out in Schedule 1 below.

### SCHEDULE 1

1. This general biosecurity direction applies to all persons who deal with, or are proposing to deal with, any –
  - (a) European honey bee (*Apis mellifera*); or
  - (b) any animal product produced by, or from, a European honey bee; or
  - (c) any beekeeping equipment; or
  - (d) any biosecurity matter or carriers associated with (a) – (c).
  
2. A person referred to in clause 1 above must not import the following biosecurity matter or carriers into Tasmania:
  - (a) European honey bee;
  
  - (b) any animal product produced by, or from, a European honey bee other than –
    - i. commercially produced honey that has been filtered to a maximum 2 mm pore size; or
    - ii. commercially produced beeswax that has been melted and refined; or
    - iii. an animal product produced by, or from, a European honey bee that has been expressly approved in writing by the Chief Plant Protection Officer for the purpose of this subclause;
  
  - (c) any used beekeeping equipment;
  
  - (d) any other thing that may reasonably be suspected of being a carrier of European honey bees, or any pest or disease that may affect European honey bees.

This general biosecurity direction is given and takes effect on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July at 5 pm and remains in force for a period of 6 months unless sooner revoked.

Signed:



Andrew Bishop

**Chief Plant Protection Officer**