

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 used beekeeping equipment.

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 products that comprise or contain honey that has been filtered to a maximum 2 mm pore size; or
 - ii. commercially produced products that comprise or contain melted and refined beeswax; or
 - iii. an animal product produced by, or from, a European honey bee that has been expressly approved in writing by the Chief Veterinary Officer or 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 7th day of January 2024 at 12:00am and remains in force for a period of 6 months unless revoked sooner.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Bishop', written in a cursive style.

Andrew Bishop
Chief Plant Protection Officer