BIOSECURITY ACT 2019

Section 191

GENERAL BIOSECURITY DIRECTION (EMERGENCY)

I, Susanna Driessen, 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 melifera*); 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 0.42 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 Plant Protection Officer or Chief Veterinary 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.

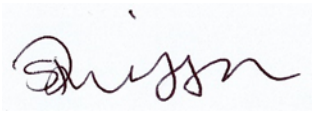
3. This general biosecurity direction –

   (a) takes effect on Friday 19 June 2026 at 12.01 AM;

   (b) revokes and replaces general biosecurity direction EGBD_CPPO_22/12/2025 issued on 22 December 2025; and

   (c) remains in force for a period of 6 months unless revoked sooner.

Signed:



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Biosecurity Tasmania

15 June 2026