

# THE ROLE OF DIRECTORATE INSPECTION SERVICES IN BEEKEEPING



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# Background information

- ❑ Beekeeping is regulated under Agricultural Pests Act, 1983 (Act No. 36 of 1983)
- ❑ The control measures was published in the Government Notice No. R. 858 of 15 November 2013
- ❑ Control Measures R1511 of 22 November 2019 relating to Honeybees.



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# Beekeeping Registration

- Every beekeeper (Pollination, must register honey production, bee removals, research purpose etc.) must register with the department
- Registration is done by completing beekeeping registration form (Typed or written in block letters) and send via email it to DIS
- Each beekeeper will be allocated unique permanent registration number as per province for traceability purpose
- The allocated registration number must be used to mark the beehives
- Registration can be done under company name or individual
- Beekeepers will be furnished with the certificate upon successful processing of the form
- Registration is valid for 24 months from the date of registration



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# Beekeeping audits and verification

- ❑ Audits are done continuously to monitor the registered beekeepers.
- ❑ Audits and verification is important to check the beekeeper's compliance with the regulation such as:
  - ✓ Marking of beehives
  - ✓ Record keeping
  - ✓ Inspections
  - ✓ Making sure that capensis/scutellata line is not crossed



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# Colony inspections

- ❑ Colonies inspections is done where there is susceptible outbreak
- ❑ This can be in the area where there is possible outbreak
- ❑ Beekeepers are supposed to report any susceptible outbreak of diseases or insects



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# Surveillance

- ❑ DALRRD response to disease outbreak in the country:
  - Agricultural Pests Act, (Act No. 36 of 1983) and its associated Regulations.
- ❑ DIS will visit the area (samples, quarantine area, order, lab).
- ❑ Results are out and positive;
- ❑ Other activities will take place: e.g. notify the stakeholders affected, awareness and education.



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# Awareness and road shows

- Awareness is conducted throughout the country
- It is done together with other directorates (DFIES, DPH, DAH, Act 36)
- This is important to make beekeepers aware of the importance of registration and other regulation matters



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# Conclusion

- ❑ Bees are vital for our ecosystems and food security, primarily due to their role as pollinators, which is essential for the reproduction of many plants, including crops, and the production of honey and other bee products
- ❑ It is also of outmost importance to register every beekeeper for the purpose of traceability and inspect pest control

**CONCLUSION**



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