

**PROTOCOL FOR THE TRANSIT OF BEES  
ON QUÉBEC TERRITORY 2023**

Any beekeeper who plans to transit bee colonies, nuclides or packages through Québec **must** have a transit authorization issued by the Direction de la santé animale (DSA) of the Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Pêcheries et de l'Alimentation (MAPAQ).

Note: Beekeepers who wish to introduce bees into Québec for **temporary or permanent residence** must refer to the introduction protocol corresponding to their situation.

This protocol helps to ensure adequate protection against the risk of infestation by *Aethina tumida* (small hive beetle), a beekeeping disease designated in the Regulation to designate contagious or parasitic diseases, infectious agents and syndromes (CQLR, chapter P-42, r. 4.2). This protocol applies to companies planning to transit bees from other Canadian provinces or territories through Québec territory and specifies the Québec requirements that these companies must meet to be eligible for a transit authorization.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Trucks from another province transporting bee colonies, nucli or packages through Québec to another province must comply with the following rules:

1. The bee shipment must:
  - be contained in a closed and refrigerated vehicle;
  - or be covered with a fine mesh net that does not allow the passage of bees and small beetles.
2. The route taken must be as direct as possible.

## PROCEDURE

The owner of the beekeeping operation from which the bees to be moved originate must:

1. Contact the provincial beekeeping official to ensure that Quebec's basic health requirements are met.
2. Complete the *Application for Authorization to Transit Bees in Québec* (Appendix 1).
3. Send your application to MAPAQ by email at [animaux@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:animaux@mapaq.gouv.qc.ca) or by fax at 418 380-2201.

For more information, contact the Animal Health Department's reporting center at 1-844-ANIMAUX.

Note that a maximum of five working days must be allowed between the date of receipt of the documents at MAPAQ and the production of the transit authorization. The owner of the bees **must be in possession of this authorization when crossing Québec territory**. Failure to comply with this provision may give rise to penal proceedings and seizure of bees under the Animal Health Protection Act (CQLR, chapter P-42, s. 55.43).

Given the current evolution of knowledge on which the management of the introduction of bees into Québec is based, this protocol may be amended without prior notice.

**APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSIT BEES THROUGH QUÉBEC**

(To be completed by the owner of the beekeeping operation)

As the owner of bees destined for introduction into Quebec, I, the undersigned:

First and last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

requests authorisation for the transit of:

Number	Description (nucleus, colony or package)	Number of trucks	Trip: Return:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Brunswick <input type="checkbox"/> Nova Scotia <input type="checkbox"/> Prince Edward Island <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
Number	Description (nucleus, colony or package)	Number of trucks	Expected date of transit	Destination

and declares that the transport of the bees covered by the application for transit authorization meets Québec's health requirements:

The shipment will:

be transported in a closed and refrigerated truck;

**or**

will be covered with a fine mesh net that does not allow the passage of bees and small hive beetles.

The route taken will be as direct as possible.

I acknowledge my liability for any financial loss arising from any misrepresentation regarding these health requirements.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of the owner of the beekeeping operation

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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