



## Voluntary Apiary Pre-Inspection Program Compliance Agreement May 26, 2020

## **Staging Areas**

- The participant shall notify the NDDA of inspection site locations and approximate number of colonies to be inspected at least one week prior to inspection.
- Inspection sites must be free of active insect infestations and weeds that may infest or contaminate colonies or pallets. At the certifying official's discretion, colonies placed in staging areas infested with insect or weed infestations may be disqualified from certification for this program.
- All colonies to be certified shall be placed in staging areas stacked and arranged in manner to allow the certifying official to inspect the exterior of hives and associated pallets.
- After inspection, certified colonies shall remain in the staging area until shipped directly to California unless otherwise authorized by NDDA. Certified colonies moved to alternate sites without authorization will be disqualified from this program.

## **Cleaning and Preparation of Colonies Prior to Inspection**

- The participant will clean the exterior of all colonies, pallets and other beekeeping equipment to be certified under this program so as to remove all soil, plant material, rotting wood, and other debris capable of harboring weeds or live insects.
- After cleaning, the shipper will visually inspect the exterior of all materials to be certified for live insects (other than honeybees) and weeds and to ensure soil, plant material, rotting wood, and other debris capable of harboring weeds or live insects had been removed.
- If live insects or weeds, or debris capable of harboring insects or weeds, are found the infestation or debris must be removed prior to certification.
- If it is not possible to remove the infestation or debris, the infested or unclean colonies must be segregated from the colonies to be certified and will not be eligible for certification.

## **Certificates and Tracking Log**

- Participants shall make photocopies of original certificate to accompany each shipment destined to California under this program.
- At the time of shipment, the participant shall complete:

- o Certificate Number (certificate numbers shall be sequential starting at 001)
- o Colonies in this Shipment
- Date of Shipment
- Destination of Shipment
- The participant shall make an entry in the tracking log for each certificate issued.
- After all certified colonies have been shipped, the NDDA will collect all original tracking logs for reconciliation. Failure to complete or supply NDDA with tracking logs may result in disqualification from the program in future shipping seasons.

By signing this document, I (the participant) agree to adhere to the above conditions and understand deviation from these conditions may result in colonies being deemed ineligible for certification or my inability to participate in this program. I further understand CDFA reserves the right to inspect certified apiary colonies at its border protection stations for quality assurance purposes as deemed necessary.

Participant (Shipper) Name:	Participant (shipper) Phone Number:
Participant (Shipper) Mailing Address:	
Participant (Shipper) Signature:	Date:
Issuing Official Name:	Issuing Official Signature:
Agreement Number:	