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# **Biosecurity (Varroa Mite) Emergency Order (No. 49) 2023**

under the

## **Biosecurity Act 2015**

I, SATENDRA KUMAR, Chief Plant Protection Officer, with the delegated authority of the Secretary pursuant to section 379(1) of the *Biosecurity Act 2015*, make the following emergency order under Part 5 of that Act.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023

Time: 3:45 pm

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## Part 1 Preliminary

### 1 Name of emergency order

This emergency order is the *Biosecurity (Varroa Mite) Emergency Order (No. 49) 2023*.

### 2 Commencement

This emergency order commences on 23 December 2023.

### 3 Duration of emergency order [s 45(e), s 48]

This emergency order has effect until 31 January 2024.

### 4 Emergency zone [s 45(b), s 49]

- (1) The *Varroa mite management emergency zone*, as shown in orange on the map, are the areas that on 20 September 2023 were:
  - (a) within a 10 kilometre radius of an infested premises, or
  - (b) not within a 10 kilometre radius of an infested premises, but:
    - (i) completely surrounded by areas that are within a 10 kilometre radius of an infested premises, or
    - (ii) surrounded on three sides by areas that are within a 10 kilometre radius of an infested premise and bounded on the fourth side by the coastline of New South Wales at mean low water.
- (2) The *Varroa mite suppression emergency zone*, as shown in green on the map, is the State of New South Wales, excluding the *Varroa mite management emergency zone*.

**Note.** Schedule 1 to this emergency order contains a copy of the map and is included for information purposes only.

### 5 Biosecurity matter and biosecurity risk [s 44(1), s 45(a)]

- (1) The biosecurity matter which is the subject of the biosecurity emergency is *Varroa mite*.
- (2) The biosecurity risk that is the subject of the biosecurity emergency is the risk of an adverse effect on the economy and the community that arises from the introduction, presence and spread of *Varroa mite* within the State.

## 6 Declaration of biosecurity emergency [s 44(1)]

A biosecurity emergency is declared commencing at the time this order commences and ending on 31 January 2024.

**Note.** A biosecurity emergency was declared by the *Biosecurity (Varroa Mite) Emergency Order 2022* dated 24 June 2022.

## 7 Grounds for Order [s 44(2)]

- (1) The basis for being satisfied that there is a current biosecurity risk arising from the presence of Varroa mite in the State, is:
  - (a) Varroa mite is prohibited matter throughout the State.
  - (b) On 22 June 2022, Varroa mite was detected at two properties in Mayfield and Mayfield West, City of Newcastle. On 24 June 2022, a biosecurity emergency was declared because of the biosecurity risk arising from the presence of Varroa mite within the State.
  - (c) Since September 2023, targeted surveillance continues to detect Varroa mite at properties in the State.
  - (d) Emergency zones remain in place in the State with the intent of slowing the spread of Varroa mite. Although Varroa mite is spreading, the pest remains mostly confined to the Varroa mite management emergency zone.
  - (e) Surveillance followed by targeted treatment by beekeepers is still required to manage the risk of Varroa mite, making it necessary to extend the declaration of an emergency for an additional month.
- (2) Varroa mite is spread by bees, hives and apiary equipment that have been in contact with bees in the previous 10 days.
- (3) The basis for being satisfied that the biosecurity risk arising from the presence of Varroa mite in the State may have a significant biosecurity impact is that Varroa mite will have a significant economic impact on the beekeeping industry, which will in turn significantly impact pollination dependant industries and the production of horticulture in Australia.

## 8 Definitions

In this emergency order:

**alcohol** means 100% ethanol, isopropyl alcohol or methylated spirits.

**alcohol washing** means washing a sample of at least 300 bees from the brood box of a hive in alcohol to detach Varroa mites to inspect for the presence of Varroa mite.

**apiary equipment** means anything that has been used or is designed to be used in relation to the acquisition or keeping of bees, managing hives or for the extracting, processing, handling or storing of apiary products, but does not include:

- (a) a hive,
- (b) new apiary equipment that has never been in contact with bees, or

- (c) apiary equipment that has been treated using the irradiation treatment method and has not had contact with bees since that treatment.

**Note.** A number of items in this definition, including *hive* and *permitted bee feeder*, are separately defined in this clause.

**apiary product** means anything produced by bees and includes pollen collected by bees, but does not include:

- (a) honey that has been processed,
- (b) rendered beeswax, or
- (c) new beeswax foundation.

**APVMA** means the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority.

**bee** has the same meaning as in the Act.

**bee-proof** means securing a hive or components of a hive to ensure that that a bee from another hive cannot access the hive or hive component.

**Note.** Clause 13, Biosecurity Regulation 2017 requires a person to ensure that any hive or other apiary equipment owned or operated by the person is protected so that a bee from another hive cannot take any honey that is in or on that hive or apiary equipment.

**brood box** means the component of the hive used by the queen to lay eggs for raising new bees and includes the frames.

**destination location** means the “destination location” noted in the hive movement form completed and provided to the Department.

**empty honey super** means a honey super empty of bees at any life stage and any debris and hive material that:

- (a) has been kept:
  - (i) in an enclosed, bee-proof space, for 21 days, or
  - (ii) in cold storage at -15 degrees Celsius or colder, for 72 hours, and
- (b) has had no subsequent contact with bees.

**extract**, in relation to honey, means the process of removing honey from honeycomb so that it is isolated in a liquid form.

**hive** means an artificial receptacle designed for housing living bees and includes the contents of the receptacle, but does not include:

- (a) a new hive that has never been in contact with bees, or
- (b) a hive that has been treated using the irradiation treatment method and has not had contact with bees since that treatment.

**Note.** A hive includes a nucleus beehive and a flow hive.

**hive material** includes honey, wax and any live or dead insect material contained in or on the honey super or any apiary equipment or that has leaked from the honey super or apiary equipment.

**hive movement form** means the hive movement form available at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/varroa](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/varroa), in which the registered beekeeper advises:

- (a) the premises at which the bees and hives are located when the hive movement form is completed,
- (b) the destination location,
- (c) the date of the last surveillance action undertaken by the beekeeper, as required by clause 11, and if Varroa mite was detected in that surveillance action, and
- (d) if Varroa mite was detected and treatment is required by clause 13, the date on which the bees and hives were treated.

**honey drum** means a drum used for mass handling, transport and storage of up to 300 litres of honey.

**honey super** means the honey super component of the hive that is used to store a bee's honey and includes the frames and honey.

**infested premises** are premises where a mite species of the genus Varroa has been detected by:

- (a) a person who is a technical expert, or a person who has undergone training by a technical expert in the field of identification of Varroa mite, by observation,
- (b) a diagnostician who confirms positive a diagnostic sample from a site that has been received at one of the Department's laboratories, or
- (c) a registered beekeeper by a surveillance action.

**intermediate bulk container** means an industrial-grade container engineered for the mass handling, transport and storage of up to 1000 litres of honey.

**irradiation treatment method** means treatment by irradiation at a gamma radiation dose of at least 10 kilo Gray.

**map** means the map published on the NSW Department of Primary Industries website at <https://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/emergencies/biosecurity/current-situation/varroa-mite-emergency-response> when this order commences.

**new beeswax foundation** means a flat sheet of beeswax that:

- (a) is embossed with the shape of the base of the cell,
- (b) is manufactured either by casting or rolling,
- (c) has had any impurities removed and which was done in such a way that ensured that any Varroa mite, if present, would also be removed, and
- (d) has not been in contact with bees after its manufacture.

**NSW** means the State of New South Wales.

**pail** means an industrial-grade container engineered for the mass handling, transport and storage of up to 25 litres of honey.

**permitted bee feeder** means a device for feeding bees installed in or attached to a hive and that can only be accessed from inside that hive by the bees living in that hive that is:

- (a) new, or



(b) has not had contact with bees in the 10 days before it is installed or attached.

**Note.** Sugar and sugar syrup left in the open for bees to access from other than a hive is not a permitted bee feeder.

**person in charge**, in relation to premises, an animal or thing includes:

- (a) the registered beekeeper who is the registered entity for the bees,
- (b) the owner of the premises, animal or thing,
- (c) a person who has the premises, animal or thing in their possession, care, custody or control.

**pick-up location** means the “pick-up location” noted in the hive movement form completed and provided to the Department.

**premises** means:

- (a) a parcel of land,
- (b) several parcels of land which:
  - (i) are contiguous with one another or are separated from one another only by a road, river, creek or other watercourse, and
  - (ii) constitute or are worked as a single property, or
- (c) a single apiary site or apiary range, identified on the NSW Government BPass map at <https://bpass.dpi.nsw.gov.au/s/view-sites-public>.

**processed**, for honey, means:

- (a) honey that is for human consumption and suitable for retail sale or purchase at a food business, as defined in the *Food Act 2003*, section 6,
- (b) honey in an intermediate bulk container,
- (c) honey in a honey drum,
- (d) honey in a pail, and
- (e) any other honey that has been processed and packaged in such a way as to exclude Varroa mite.

**qualified pest controller** means the holder of a pest management technician licence issued by the Environment Protection Authority (NSW).

**registered beekeeper** means a person who has been granted biosecurity registration under Part 12 of the Act to engage in the registrable dealing of dealing with bees.

**registered entity** has the same meaning as in section 157, the Act.

**rendered beeswax** means raw beeswax that has been rendered using water and has not been in contact with bees after its manufacture.

**soapy water washing** means washing a sample of at least 300 bees from the brood box of a hive in one of the following solutions to detach Varroa mites to inspect for the presence of Varroa mite:

- (a) 2 tablespoons (40 millilitres) of dishwashing soap in 3.5 litres of water, or
- (b) non-sudsy soapy water made using as automotive windshield washer fluid as per the manufacturer’s instructions.

**sugar shaking** means shaking a sample of at least 300 bees from the brood box of a hive in fine sugar to dislodge Varroa mite to inspect for the presence of Varroa mite.

**surveillance action** means any of the following:

- (a) sugar shaking,
- (b) soapy water washing,
- (c) alcohol washing, or
- (d) an authorised officer inserting miticide strips and sticky mats into a hive to dislodge Varroa mite onto the sticky mats for inspecting for the presence of Varroa mite in a laboratory.

**the Act** means the *Biosecurity Act 2015*.

**Tocal Varroa mite online training** is the online course located at <https://courses.tocal.nsw.edu.au/courses/varroa-mite-online-training>.

**Varroa mite** means *Varroa destructor*.

**Varroa mite management emergency zone** – see clause 4.

**Varroa mite suppression emergency zone** – see clause 4.

## **Part 2 Emergency measures – all emergency zones**

### **9 Persons or class of persons to whom the measures in this Part apply [s 45(d)]**

- (1) All persons in the Varroa mite suppression emergency zone and the Varroa mite management emergency zone must comply with and implement the emergency measures specified in this Part.
- (2) If this Part specifies that another person or class of persons must comply with and implement an emergency measure, then the measure only applies to that person or class of person.

### **10 Movement of bees and hives– movement declaration form [s 50, s 51(c)]**

- (1) If this emergency order permits a person to move bees or hives, the person must comply with this clause.
- (2) A registered beekeeper must not move bees or hives and any bees housed within those hives unless the beekeeper has:
  - (a) completed the Tocal Varroa mite online training in the 12 months before the date of the movement, and
  - (b) completed at least one surveillance action in accordance with the general surveillance requirements in clause 11 and notified the Department in accordance with that clause.
- (3) A registered beekeeper who moves bees or hives must:
  - (a) provide details of the movement to the Department by completing and submitting to the Department the hive movement form at

<https://forms.bfs.dpi.nsw.gov.au/forms/12344> before the bees or hives are moved,

- (b) ensure the person transporting the bees or hives has a copy of the hive movement form with all details completed, and
  - (c) retain details of the movement for 5 years.
- (4) The person transporting the bees or hives must:
- (a) have a copy of the hive movement form with the bees or hives while they are in transit, and
  - (b) if requested by an authorised officer, produce the copy of the hive movement form to that authorised officer.

**Note.** A person may have and produce an electronic form of the hive movement form (section 10, *Electronic Transactions Act 2000*).

- (5) If after the registered beekeeper completes the hive movement form the proposed destination location changes, the registered beekeeper may proceed to the new destination using the completed hive movement form, but must, no later than 72 hours after reaching the new destination, provide to the Department a new hive movement form recording the new destination.

**Notes.**

1. Clause 13, Biosecurity Regulation 2017 provides that a person must ensure that any hive or other apiary equipment owned or operated by the person is protected so that a bee from another hive cannot take any honey that is in or on that hive or apiary equipment.
2. It is a condition of biosecurity registration, imposed under section 165 of the Act, that if a hive is moved from one location to another, a registered entity must keep a written record (that may be in electronic form) of the following information for a period of 5 years:
  - (a) The date on which that movement occurred, and
  - (b) The details of each location, and
  - (c) The number of hives moved, and
  - (d) The name of the person who moved the hive.

A registered entity who contravenes a condition of biosecurity registration is guilty of an offence (s179(1), the Act).

## 11 Testing and surveillance [s 50, s 51(a), (i)]

- (1) A person in charge of hives must comply with this clause unless an authorised officer has undertaken a surveillance action of the hives in the previous 16 weeks.
- (2) A person in charge of hives must:
  - (a) at least once every 16 weeks, complete a surveillance action on the hives and any bees housed in those hives in accordance with the general surveillance requirements, and
  - (b) make a record of each surveillance action which consists of:
    - (i) the time and date the surveillance action was completed,
    - (ii) the approximate location of hives for which the surveillance action was conducted, and

- (iii) the number of Varroa mite detected by the surveillance action in each tested hive, and
- (c) no later than 7 days after completing the surveillance action, report the results of the surveillance action to the Department:
  - (i) by electronic communication, using the form at [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/alcohol-wash](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/alcohol-wash), or
  - (ii) by telephone, to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline 1800 084 881
- (3) If a person is in charge of hives at multiple premises, that person must satisfy the general surveillance requirements at each premises.
- (4) The person in charge must:
  - (a) keep the record of the surveillance action for 5 years, and
  - (b) if requested by an authorised officer, provide a copy of the record to the authorised officer.
- (5) In this clause **general surveillance requirements** means the person in charge of hives must carry out a surveillance action on the hives:
  - (a) if the person is in charge of less than 10 hives at a premises – on all hives, or
  - (b) if the person is in charge of more than 10 hives at a premises – on the greater of 10 hives or 10 percent of the hives.

**12 Testing and surveillance by authorised officers and qualified pest controllers [s 50, s 51(a), (i), s 91(1)(a), s 122(1)(a)]**

- (1) A person in charge of hives must not move, remove or interfere with any testing material or equipment placed in a hive by an authorised officer as part of surveillance for Varroa mite.
- (2) A person in charge of hives must not move, remove or interfere with any testing material or equipment the person was directed to place in the hive by an authorised officer as part of surveillance for Varroa mite.
- (3) An authorised officer or qualified pest controller is authorised to collect and move dead bees or a Varroa mite carrier for the purpose of undertaking diagnostic testing or any other testing.
- (4) Any dead bees or Varroa mite carriers that are moved under this clause must be double bagged or wrapped in a way that does not allow contact with bees and remains in that state until it reaches the place where the diagnostic testing or other testing is to be carried out.
- (5) An authorised officer is authorised to destroy bees in the process of undertaking testing that is a surveillance action.
- (6) In this clause, a **Varroa mite carrier** includes:
  - (a) apiary equipment,
  - (b) an apiary product, and

- (c) a hive.

### **13 Treatment measures [s 50, s 51(e)]**

- (1) If directed to do so by an authorised officer, a person in charge of bees and hives that are infested premises must:
  - (a) permit an authorised officer to insert miticide strips into all hives in the person's care, custody or control, or
  - (b) place miticide strips into all hives in the person's care, custody or control.
- (2) If a person detects more than 5 Varroa mites in a hive for which they are the person in charge, no later than 14 days after the date on which Varroa mite is detected, the person must treat all the hives at the premises using a method approved by the APVMA, complying with all label directions and permit conditions.
- (3) The person in charge must make a record of the treatment measures conducted under this clause which consists of:
  - (a) the date on which the treatment was carried out,
  - (b) the approximate location of the hives when the treatment was carried out,
  - (c) the method and amount of product used, and
  - (d) the names and addresses of the persons who carried out the treatment.
- (4) The person in charge must:
  - (a) keep the record of the treatment measures conducted under this clause for 5 years, and
  - (b) if requested by an authorised officer, provide a copy of the record to the authorised officer.

**Note.** The use of miticide strips in beehives is regulated by APVMA Permit PER92635 and APVMA Permit PER 94055.

### **14 Destruction of bees and disposal of hives [s 50, s 51(l), s 55(1), s 91(1)(a), s 122(1)(a)]**

An authorised officer is authorised to destroy any bees and any hive by:

- (a) euthanising the bees,
- (b) making the dead hive bee-proof,
- (c) cleaning the location of the hive at the premises to remove the dead bees and any apiary products,
- (d) burning or otherwise destroying the hive at the premises,
- (e) moving the hive to another premises and then burning or otherwise destroying the hive, and

- (f) any other destruction or disposal functions necessary to manage all hosts of Varroa mite and to prevent the survival of undetected hosts within the Varroa mite management emergency zone and Varroa mite suppression emergency zone.

**15 Authorised officer authorisations [s 50, s 122(1)(a), s 131]**

At any place in an emergency zone specified in this Order, an authorised officer is authorised to direct a person to:

- (a) stop a vehicle so that the authorised officer may inspect the vehicle and anything in it,
- (b) permit the authorised officer to inspect the vehicle and any thing in that vehicle, and
- (c) permit the authorised officer to inspect any fittings in the vehicle.

**Part 3 Emergency measures - Varroa mite management emergency zone**

**16 Persons or class of persons to whom the measures in this Part apply [s 45(d)]**

- (1) All persons in charge of bees, hives, apiary equipment or premises in the Varroa mite management emergency zone must comply with and implement the emergency measures specified in this Part.
- (2) If this Part specifies that another person or class of persons must comply with and implement an emergency measure, then the measure applies to that person or class of person.

**17 Movement – bees, hives, permitted bee feeders [s 50, s 51(c)]**

- (1) Unless otherwise permitted by this emergency order, a person must not move any bees, hives, apiary equipment or permitted bee feeders out of the Varroa mite management emergency zone.
- (2) If directed to do so by an authorised officer, a person may move any of the following out of the Varroa mite management emergency zone for the purposes of disposal or destruction:
  - (a) bees,
  - (b) a hive, or
  - (c) a permitted bee feeder.

**18 Movement of apiary equipment [s 50, s51(c)]**

A registered beekeeper may move apiary equipment out of the Varroa mite management emergency zone if the person:

- (a) cleans any hive material off the apiary equipment, and
- (b) ensures that the apiary equipment is free from live bees.

## 19 Movement of honey supers [s 50, s 51(a), (c)]

- (1) A registered beekeeper may move:
  - (a) a honey super within the Varroa mite management emergency zone, or
  - (b) an empty honey super within the Varroa mite management emergency zone or into the Varroa mite suppression emergency zone.
- (2) Before moving a honey super that is not an empty honey super, the person in charge of the honey super must:
  - (a) take all practical measures to clear bees from the honey super before loading the honey super onto a vehicle for transport, and
  - (b) make the honey super bee-proof.

**Note.** The person in charge of the honey super may be the registered beekeeper or may be the person arranging the move on behalf of the registered beekeeper.

- (3) The person transporting a honey super or empty honey super under this clause must ensure that the honey super remains bee-proof until it reaches its destination.
- (4) After transporting the honey super, the person responsible for the transport must, before leaving the premises to which the honey super was transported:
  - (a) decontaminate the vehicle that was used to transport the honey super and any apiary equipment used for the extraction of honey that was on the vehicle when the honey super was transported or that may have otherwise had contact with bees or honey by:
    - (i) scraping and cleaning any hive material that has leaked from the honey super or apiary equipment,
    - (ii) placing that material into a disposable garbage bag which must be sealed and stored in a way that ensures that the contents of the bag do not come into contact with bees for 21 days, and
    - (iii) removing any honey or wax from the interior or exterior of the vehicle, and
  - (b) take all reasonable measures to ensure that any clothing worn by the person is free from bees and mites.
- (5) A honey super from which honey has been extracted which is not an empty honey super may be:
  - (a) stored in a bee-proof manner, or
  - (b) transported back to the same premises from which it was removed and placed on a hive at those premises.

### Notes.

1. Once a honey super has been stored in a bee-proof manner for 21 days or stored in cold storage at -15 degrees Celsius or colder, for 72 hours and has had no subsequent contact with bees, it becomes an empty honey super and may be moved within the Varroa mite management emergency zone or into the Varroa mite suppression emergency zone.

2. Clause 13 of the Biosecurity Regulation 2017 requires a person to ensure that any hive or other apiary equipment owned or operated by the person is protected so that a bee from another hive cannot take any honey that is in or on that hive or apiary equipment.

**20 Movement of hives for irradiation [s 50, s 51(c)]**

A registered beekeeper may move a hive within and out of the Varroa mite management emergency zone for the purpose of treatment using the irradiation treatment method if the person:

- (a) cleans any hive material off the hive, and
- (b) ensures that the hive is free from live bees.

**21 Movement of bees and hives– premises that are not infested premises [s50, s51(c), (i)]**

A registered beekeeper in the Varroa mite management emergency zone may move bees and hives within the Varroa mite management emergency zone if the bees and hives are located at premises:

- (a) that are not infested premises, or
- (b) that are infested premises, but fewer than 6 Varroa mites were detected by a surveillance action.

**22 Movement of bees and hives - infested premises [s50, s51(c), (i)]**

(1) A registered beekeeper in the Varroa mite management emergency zone must not move the bees and hives within the Varroa mite management emergency zone unless the beekeeper complies with this clause if:

- (a) the bees and hives located at premises that are infested premises, and
- (b) more than 5 Varroa mites are detected by a surveillance action.

(2) A registered beekeeper may move bees and hives if the beekeeper complies with the treatment measures in clause 13.

(3) If the registered beekeeper treats the hives using miticide strips:

- (a) the registered beekeeper must keep the miticide strips in the hives for a period:
  - (i) no shorter than 42 days after the miticide strips are placed in the hive, and
  - (ii) no longer than 56 days after the miticide strips are placed in the hive, and



- (b) within the period of 42 days after the miticide strips are placed in a hive, a person must not remove or interfere with any miticide strips in the hive.

**Note.** There is no requirement for the registered beekeeper to perform treatment measures if fewer than 6 mites are detected by a surveillance action.

### **23 Notification of bees [s 50, s 51(a)]**

- (1) No later than 7 days after the date of this emergency order, a person in charge of bees must notify the Department of the current location of those bees, if the person in charge has not previously done so under an emergency order made under the Act for Varroa mite.
- (2) Notifications under this clause must be made:
  - (a) by telephone, to the Exotic Plant Pest Hotline 1800 084 881, or
  - (b) by electronic transmission, using a form at the location [www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/varroa](http://www.dpi.nsw.gov.au/varroa).

## **Part 4 Emergency measures – Varroa mite suppression emergency zone**

### **24 Persons or class of persons to whom the measures in this Part apply [s 45(d)]**

- (1) All persons in charge of bees, hives, apiary equipment or premises in the Varroa mite suppression emergency zone must comply with and implement the emergency measures specified in this Part.
- (2) If this Part specifies that another person or class of persons must comply with and implement an emergency measure, then the measure applies to that person or class of person.

### **25 Movement of bees, hives, apiary equipment and honey supers**

A registered beekeeper may move bees, hives, apiary equipment and honey supers into, within and out of the Varroa mite suppression emergency zone if the person complies with this emergency order.

**Note.** Part 2 of this emergency order contains measures with which all persons must comply before moving bees, hives, apiary equipment and honey supers.

### **26 Movement of bees and hives [s50, s51(c), (i)]**

- (1) A registered beekeeper in the Varroa mite suppression emergency zone must not move the bees and hives within or out of the Varroa mite suppression emergency zone unless the beekeeper complies with this clause if:
  - (a) the bees and hives located at premises that are infested premises, and
  - (b) more than 5 Varroa mite are detected by a surveillance action.
- (2) A registered beekeeper may move bees and hives if the beekeeper complies with the treatment measures in clause 13.
- (3) If the registered beekeeper treats the hives using miticide strips:

- (a) The registered beekeeper must keep the miticide strips in the hives for a period:
  - (i) no shorter than 42 days after the miticide strips are placed in the hive,  
and
  - (ii) no longer than 56 days after the miticide strips are placed in the hive,  
and
- (b) within the period of 42 days after the miticide strips are placed in a have, a person must not remove or interfere with any miticide strips in the hive.

**Note.** There is no requirement for the registered beekeeper to perform treatment measures if fewer than 6 mites are detected by a surveillance action.

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