

R68. Agriculture and Food, Plant Industry.

R68-1. Utah Bee Inspection Act Governing Inspection of Bees.

R68-1-1. Authority.

Promulgated under the authority of Section 4-11-3.

R68-1-2. Registration.

Every owner or person coming into possession of one or more colonies of bees within the State of Utah shall register with the Department of Agriculture and Food in accordance with the provisions in Section 4-11-4 of the Utah Bee Inspection Act within 15 days after coming into possession of such bees.

R68-1-3. Apiary Identification.

Each apiary location whether permanent or temporary shall be identified by a sign showing the owner's registration number issued by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food at least one inch in height, easily readable and displayed in a conspicuous location in the apiary; or similar identification conspicuously displayed on one or more hive bodies within the apiary. Any apiary not so identified shall be considered abandoned and shall be subject to seizure and destruction as provided for in Section 4-11-14.

R68-1-4. Assistance in Locating Apiaries.

All beekeepers shall personally assist the department or county bee inspectors in locating their apiaries, or provide accurate and detailed information as to location of all bee hives under their control or possession.

R68-1-5. Salvage Operations.

All salvage operations with respect to wax, hives and appliances from diseased colonies shall be performed in a tightly screened enclosure to prevent the entrance of bees according to the following procedure:

A. Frames and comb from the diseased hives shall be held for at least 30 minutes in boiling water (212 degrees F) before any wax is removed.

B. After removal from the boiling water the frames must be destroyed or boiled for a minimum of 20 minutes in a solution of lye water containing no less than 10 pounds of lye (Sodium Hydroxide) for each 100 gal. of water.

C. Hive bodies, supers, covers and bottom boards must be thoroughly scorched or boiled for a minimum of 20 minutes in the lye water solution.

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