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## VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS to importing bee honey and products of apiculture to Azerbaijan Republic

It is allowed to import to Azerbaijan Republic bee honey and apiculture products which originate from administrative areas of free from the following dangerous infectious diseases of agricultural and domestic animals ("A" list of BEB) and approved for export-trade enterprises (apiculture farms, laboratories).

- African swine fever during the last 3 years in the administrative territory (state, province, land, district, area, etc.);
- FMD during the last 6 months in the administrative territory (state, province, land, district, area);
- American foulbrood, European foulbrood, nosemosis during the last 3 months on a farm's territory.

Bee honey and apiculture products are derived from bee colonies which haven't been fed with feeding-stuffs containing raw materials generated by genetic engineering techniques or other genetically modified sources.

The following bee honey and apiculture products are not allowed to be imported to the Republic of Azerbaijan:

- treated with chemical substances, ionizing or ultraviolet rays;
- having changed organoleptic indications or damage of packing wholeness;
- containing the natural or synthetic estrogenic, hormonal substances, thyreostatic preparations, antibiotics, pesticides and other medicinal means.

Delivered foodstuff containing honey and apiculture products should be subject to recycling process, which ultimately ensures that there is no viable pathogenic flora. Honey and apiculture products have been approved by the competent public service of the exporting country as being beneficial for human consumption and unrestricted free sale.

Microbiological, chemical, toxicological and radiological indicators of honey and apiculture products must comply with veterinary and sanitary rules and requirements in force in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Tare and packing material should be disposable and meet to the hygienic requirements. Means of transportation are treated and prepared according to the usual regulations of the exporting country.

Fulfillment of conditions, indicated in the present requirements should be thoroughly approved by the veterinary certificate, signed by the state veterinarian of the exporting country and drawn up in a language of the exporting country or in English.

Shipment of honey bee to the Azerbaijan Republic is possible only after the obtaining a permission by the importer from the Food Safety Agency of the Azerbaijan Republic.

The Food Safety Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan reserves the right for conducting inspection in farms (apiculture farms, laboratories), as well as carrying out certification

at these processing facilities for the possibility of supplying foodstuffs and apiculture products to the Republic of Azerbaijan within processing enterprises at the expense of their veterinary specialists.