

BIOSECURITY AND AGRICULTURE MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS 2013 QUARANTINE AREA NOTICE BURRUP PENINSULA

Red dwarf honey bee *Apis florea*, and Eugarroa brood mite *Eugarroa sinhai*

1. Under regulation 60 of the *Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Regulations 2013* (Regulations) the area described below is declared to constitute a quarantine area until 28 February 2024:

All lands and waters bounded by a line commencing at a point at 20° 38.922' south latitude and 116° 42.615' east longitude (near Tidepole Island); then north-easterly along the geodesic to a point at 20° 31.221' south latitude and 116° 48.368' east longitude; then extending due east along the parallel to a point at 20° 31.221' south latitude and 116° 52.666' east longitude; then south-westerly along the geodesic to a point at 20° 39.813' south latitude and 116° 48.417' east longitude; then south-westerly along the geodesic to a point at 20° 42.352' south latitude and 116° 44.646' east longitude; then westerly along the geodesic to a point at 20° 43.027' south latitude and 116° 38.299' east longitude; then extending due north along the meridian to a point at 20° 42.242' south latitude and 116° 38.299' east longitude; then north-easterly along the geodesic to a point at 20° 41.349' south latitude and 116° 39.103' east longitude; then north-easterly along the geodesic back to the commencement point.

Note: A map of the quarantine area is published on the website of the Department.

2. In this notice -

“**colony**” means a group of RDHB or EHB that has workers, drones and queen bees with developing brood living together as a social unit in one hive, nest site or other dwelling;

“**comb**” means a structure of beeswax built by honey bees in an array of hexagonal cells for storing nectar, honey, pollen and/or brood;

“**Department**” means the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development;

“**EHB**” means European honey bee (*Apis mellifera*);

“**EHB hive**” means an artificial or man-made receptacle designed for housing living EHB, including nucleus beehives and flow hives, and includes the contents of the receptacle, but does not include a new hive that has never been in contact with EHB;

“**EHB hive components**” means all components of an EHB hive including the stand, bottom board, screened bottom board, honey supers, deep supers, brood chamber, brood nest, brood box, frames, queen excluders, and covers;

“**European honey bee**” means all life stages of *Apis mellifera* including adult bees and brood;

“**Eugarroa brood mite**” means *Eugarroa sinhai*, a potential vector of bee viruses;

“**managed**” means that it is maintained, owned, or serviced by a person;

“**PADIS**” means the Department's Pest and Disease Information Service, email: padis@dpird.wa.gov.au, phone (08)9368 3080.

“**permitted bee feeder**” means a device for feeding EHB 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 21 days before it is installed or attached;

“**RDHB**” means red dwarf honey bee (*Apis florea*);

“**RDHB or EHB nest material**” means comb or honeycomb;

“**Red dwarf honey bee**” means all life stages of *Apis florea* including adult bees and brood;

“**swarm**” means a natural assemblage of bees in a migratory state that has separated from a hive or wild colony to establish a new colony;

“**wild EHB**” means bees of the species *Apis mellifera* in the wild and in a wild state, commonly known as feral bees.

3. The quarantine area is declared because there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the declared pest RDHB and the associated parasite Eugarroa brood mite are present in the quarantine area.

4. Pursuant to regulation 66(2) of the Regulations, persons, other than officers, employees, contractors, subcontractors or agents of the Department, must not move, or cause, or allow to be moved, anything listed in Schedule 1 from the quarantine area except in accordance with—

(a) this notice; or

(b) an approval under regulation 67 of the Regulations; or

(c) a general exemption having effect under regulation 71 of the Regulations.

5. A thing listed in Schedule 1 is moved from the quarantine area in accordance with this notice if it is moved in accordance with an authorisation or direction given by an inspector.

6. Within the quarantine area, a person other than an inspector or authorised pest control operator operating under the direction of an inspector, must not tamper with, disturb, or interfere with:

(a) suspected or confirmed RDHB colonies or swarm, including removal of honey or comb; or

(b) wild EHB colonies or swarm; or

(c) surveillance or treatment equipment as labelled by the Department.

7. A person must notify the Department of the location within the quarantine area of:

(a) identified or suspected RDHB colonies or swarms; or

(b) wild EHB colonies or swarms,

within 48 hours of becoming aware of the colonies or swarm, by contacting PADIS.

8. A person must notify the Department of the location within the quarantine area of a managed EHB hive, which exists at the date of publication of this notice, within 48 hours of publication, by contacting PADIS.

9. A person must notify the Department of the location within the quarantine area of any managed EHB hive established after the date of publication of this notice within 48 hours of the establishment of a hive, by contacting PADIS.

10. A person must not feed bees within the quarantine area unless using a permitted bee feeder associated with a managed EHB hive.

11. Each person who is the owner or occupier of land in the quarantine area is taken to have been given a quarantine notice that applies to that land in the terms of this quarantine area notice.

12. Failure to comply with this quarantine area notice could result in a fine, the Director General taking remedial action under regulation 133 of the Regulations, or both.

SCHEDULE 1

Red dwarf honey bee

Potential carriers of Eugarroa brood mite:

- European honey bee.
- RDHB or EHB nest material.
- EHB hives.
- EHB hive components.

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