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## **PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTS OF HONEY AND BEE PRODUCTS**

Honey or bee products destined for Brazil must be accompanied by a health certificate, issued in the official language of the exporting country and in Portuguese, signed by a veterinarian from the Official Veterinary Service of the exporting country, certifying the following minimum conditions, in addition to those defined by the Department of Animal Health:

1. The products come from an establishment officially approved by the Competent Authority of the exporting country, with its own facilities, equipment and operations for the production of honey and bee products and subjected to regular official inspections.
2. The products were obtained in hygienic conditions, in establishments that implemented the Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP), Sanitation Standard Operating Procedures (SSOP), and the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points Program (HACCP), following the recommendations of *Codex Alimentarius*, with systematic verification by the official Veterinary Service.
3. The products have been processed in establishments subjected to the official control program of residues of veterinary drugs, pesticides and environmental contaminants, which is planned and implemented following the recommendations of *Codex Alimentarius*, and are in compliance with the microbiological parameters established in the legislation of the exporting country.
4. In the case of extracted honey, they were obtained by centrifugation or other permitted method and subjected to decantation and filtration.
5. In the case of royal jelly, it complies with physical-chemical and microbiological standards and respects the requirements for thermal conservation and exposure to light.
6. In the case of beeswax, it is first used, obtained from the hive, subjected to heat treatment reaching a temperature of 100 °C (one hundred degrees Celsius) for 30 (thirty) minutes.
7. The products are free from the remains of bees, larvae, parasites, wax and other debris.
8. The products do not contain synthetic substances, antimicrobials, pesticides and other inorganic contaminants.
9. The products do not contain or have been made with the addition of preservative chemicals, adulterants or dyes harmful to public health, in compliance with all known hygienic, sanitary and technological requirements.
10. The products were not submitted to any radiation treatment.
11. The equipment and packaging materials used were not in contact with infected bees or their progenies, or with any contaminated product.
12. The products packaging meets the hygienic-sanitary requirements established by the Competent Authority of the exporting country.
13. The vehicle or transport equipment is in proper conditions of hygiene and maintenance and, if products are to be kept under refrigeration, has the appropriate cold generation equipment to maintain the temperature of the products during the transport.
14. The products have been inspected by an Official Veterinary Inspector, showing no signs of adulteration or alteration and are fit for human consumption.