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Aims and Objectives



To provide an overview of the legislation which governs honey bee health in Scotland

Honey Bee Health Legislation

The Bees Act 1980

The Bees Diseases and Pest
Control (Scotland) Order
2007 (as amended)

The Bee Diseases and Pest
Control (Scotland)
Amendment order 2021



Legislation

The Civic Government
(Scotland) Act 1982
(Section 49)

The Environmental
Protection Act 1990 as
amended by the Public
Health (Scotland) Act
2008





Honey Bee Health Legislation

The Bees Act 1980

- Empowers Ministers to make orders to control diseases and pests affecting honey bees and provides powers of entry for authorised persons (to carry out necessary surveillance, inspection and certification requirements).



The Bees Diseases and Pest Control (Scotland) Order 2007 (as amended)

- Requires beekeepers (and others) to **notify** the Scottish Ministers of the **suspicion of** the presence of a notifiable disease or pest, and provides powers for control such as **destruction**, treatment and prevention of movement of infected hives.

The Bee Diseases and Pest Control (Scotland) Amendment Order 2021

- ▶ Varroa is reportable in Scotland (similar arrangements are in place for England and Wales).



Veterinary Medicines Regulations 2013 (as amended)

Veterinary Medicines Directorate - searchable database of authorised medicines

- Illegal to use any treatment or medicines not on that list: including homemade products or concoctions.
- Records to be kept for **5 years** of the product when:
 - Purchased
 - Administered
 - Disposed ofYou must also include batch/ lot numbers



Imports of bees

Import controls are in place to manage disease and pest risks, with particular focus on Small Hive Beetle (SHB) and Tropilaelaps.

- ▶ These measures are governed by **the Trade in Animals and Related Products (Scotland) Regulations 2012 (as amended)** and the **Bee Diseases and Pests Control (Scotland) Order 2007 (as amended)**, both of which aim to prevent the introduction and spread of pests and diseases.
- ▶ You should check the UK Government website for up to date information on any prohibitions which may be in force.



Resources Available: Scottish Government

Contact: Bees_Mailbox@gov.scot

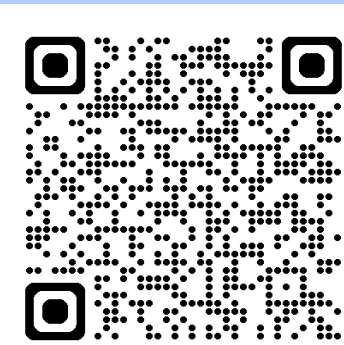


Scottish Honey Bee Health Legislation

[Legislation - Honey bee health: guidance - gov.scot](https://www.gov.scot/legislation/honey-bee-health-guidance)

[Veterinary Medicines Directorate: Product Information](#)

[Database - Currently authorised products](#)





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