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Honorable John D. Rockefeller, IV
Secretary of State
State Capitol Building
Charleston, West Virginia 25305

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Enclosed are two copies of regulations issued by this Department regarding the West Virginia Apiary Law of 1969 (Chapter 19, Article 13) passed by the 1969 Legislature. These regulations are designated as Series II of Chapter 19-2 of the West Virginia Administrative Regulations.

I hereby certify that the attached regulations are true and accurate copies of the official regulations prepared by this Department on July 21, 1969 and adopted after a public hearing on September 5, 1969.

Very truly yours,

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Gus R. Douglass
Commissioner of Agriculture

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WEST VIRGINIA ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Chapter 19-2
Series II

SUBJECT: WEST VIRGINIA APIARY LAW OF 1969

Section 1 - GENERAL

- 1.01. Scope. These regulations establish general operating rules and procedures for the inspection of apiaries and control of bee diseases.
- 1.02. Authority. These regulations are issued under authority of Chapter 19, Article 13, Section 4, Code of West Virginia.
- 1.03. Effective Date - These regulations are promulgated September 5, 1969 and become effective October 13, 1969.
- 1.04. Filing Date - These regulations were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on September 9, 1969.
- 1.05. Certification - These regulations are certified authentic by the Secretary of State by certification number _____.

Section 2 - DECLARATION OF POLICY

Article 13, Section 4, Chapter 19 of the official Code of West Virginia sets out certain duties, authority, and responsibilities of the commissioner of agriculture. Included is the responsibility of promulgating rules and regulations relating to the inspections of apiaries and control of infectious or contagious diseases of bees.

By virtue of the authority vested in me as commissioner of agriculture by Article 13, Section 4, Chapter 19 of the official code of West Virginia, as amended, I, Gus R. Douglass, Commissioner of Agriculture, do hereby promulgate the following rules and regulations governing the inspection of apiaries and control of bee diseases in West Virginia.

Section 3 - DEFINITIONS

3.01. For the purpose of these regulations, the definitions shall be the same as those appearing in the West Virginia Apiary Law of 1969

-13-2) with the following additions:

a. "Full Bloom" shall be construed to mean the period from the time the flowers open until the petals fall.

b. "Spray materials injurious to bees" shall mean any material having insecticidal properties and capable of killing bees when applied to fruit trees while in full bloom.

Section 4 - REGISTRATION OF BEES

4.01. The commissioner shall furnish an application form to be used by beekeepers to register honey bee colonies.

4.02. Upon receipt of an Application for Registration of honey bees the commissioner shall cause to be issued a Certificate of Apiary Registration which shall be valid until the last day of December of the year of issue.

4.03. Persons who have registered their apiaries shall not be required to report additional colonies, obtained through capturing swarms from their own apiary or from packaged bees imported under certification from any state, until the next registration period.

4.04. Bees in hives or used bee equipment imported into a West Virginia apiary under certificate from any state, including West Virginia, must be reported to the commissioner within ten days of arrival within the state.

4.05. When registering colonies any person possessing or operating one or more apiaries shall show the exact location of, and number of colonies in each apiary.

Section 5. APIARY INSPECTION

5.01. The commissioner of agriculture shall, insofar as is practical, cause all colonies of bees within the state to be inspected each year.