

NATIONAL PLANT BOARD

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Honolulu, Hawaii

RESOLUTION No. 5

REQUEST FOR NATIONAL SURVEY FOR EXOTIC HONEY BEE PESTS

The USDA, APHIS, PPQ-Veterinary Services continues to receive requests from foreign countries to import packaged honey bees and queens to the United States. In order to protect the U.S. beekeeping industry from the introduction of exotic pests, especially *Tropilaelaps clareae*, *Nosema cerana*, *Apis mellifera capensis*, other Varroa species, and Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus as well as other species of pests not yet found in the U.S., a national survey is justified. There are also specific concerns related to a request from Germany regarding importations since *Nosema cerana* is known to exist and is near Spain where extensive losses to honey bee colonies have occurred.

RESOLVED by the membership of the National Plant Board at its 81st annual meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on August 22, 2007, that we request USDA, APHIS, PPQ Veterinary Services to fully fund and implement a national survey for exotic honey bee pests. A national survey is a critical element for establishing scientifically-based information and would permit the safe importation and exportation of honey bees, while safeguarding our apicultural industry and pollination needs that are essential for food and fiber production.

Motion to adopt: Gene Cross, Chair, Resolutions/Policy Committee

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