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Subject:	Notification of small hive beetle (<i>Aethina tumida</i>) in the State of Hawaii, USA		

Message

The United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has recently informed us that the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) has been detected in a beehive located in a macadamia nut orchard in Panaewa, Hawaii. This is the first occurrence of the small hive beetle in Hawaii and it was notified to the OIE on 05/05/2010. US State officials are conducting an investigation and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

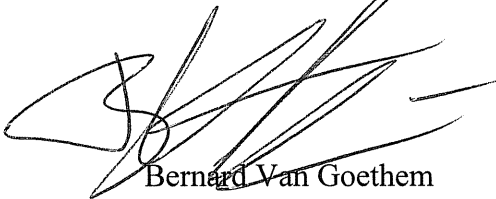
The export certificate for queen bees (QUE) in Commission Regulation (EU) No 206/2010 requires certification that the bees "come from an area of at least 100 km radius which is not subject to any restrictions associated with the occurrence of the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) and *Tropilaelaps* spp. and where these infestations are absent". It is not clear at this time if our certification can be met, as investigations are still ongoing. We ask Member States to carefully check all bee consignments coming from Hawaii, should they be received.

We intend to review the derogation granted to the State of Hawaii for the export of live bees to the EU under Commission Decision 2005/60/EC amending Commission Decision 2003/881/EC concerning the animal health and certification conditions for importation of bees (*Apis mellifera* & *Bombus* spp.) from certain third countries as regards the United States of America, as soon as possible.

In the meantime, please pass this information to your Border Inspection Points (BIPs) and to the relevant competent authorities in order to ensure that only certifiable bees are imported. In

particular, I would like to draw your attention to the consignments of bees listed in the Annex of this fax, taken from the TRACES database for 2010. I would also ask you to double-check with your BIPs to determine whether any other bee consignments have been imported from Hawaii in the last three months and to let us know of any such consignments.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex: Details of bee consignments entered in the TRACES system in 2010

In total 570 units of *Apis mellifera* from US Hawaii were declared at the Border Inspection Post of Heathrow Airport, United Kingdom on 8 April 2010.

The corresponding CVEDA numbers are:

CVEDA.GB.2010.0003813

CVEDA.GB.2010.0004294

CVEDA.GB.2010.0004296

CVEDA.GB.2010.0004610

CVEDA.GB.2010.0004611

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