



SUPPLEMENT No. 2
TO
THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS GAZETTE
No. 1295 of 9th July 2003
LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 24 OF 2003

AN ORDINANCE
TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT
OF APICULTURE AND RELATED MATTERS

T.W. RIMMER
ADMINISTRATOR

4th July 2003.

BE it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:-

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Apiculture Ordinance 2003.

Short title.

2. In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires -

Interpretation.

“apiarist” means a person to whom this Ordinance applies in accordance with section 3(1);

“apicultural workshop” means the place and all the apicultural implements and tools which an apiarist uses for the purpose of carrying out his bee keeping;

“apian plant” means any plant prescribed as such by the Chief Officer under section 10(1);

“inspector of apiculture” means a person appointed as an inspector of apiculture by the Chief Officer under section 5;

“wax” means the produce of a beehive which is intended for the making of honeycombs and which is fit to be marketed.

3.-(1) This Ordinance applies to any person who keeps bees in six or more beehives on the Island of Cyprus, at least one of which beehives is situated in the Areas. A person to whom this Ordinance applies is hereafter referred to as an apiarist.

Apiarists to have a certificate from the Chief Officer.

(2) An apiarist shall apply to the Chief Officer for a certificate which shall be valid for five years from the date of its issue and shall state the number and type of beehives kept in the Areas by the apiarist; the location in the Areas of each such beehive, and the apiarist’s full address.

Duties of apiarist.

4.-(1) An apiarist shall -

- (a) notify the Area Officer within twenty days of his installing any beehive in the Areas of –
 - (i) the place where he has installed the hive;
 - (ii) the total number of beehives he has in the Areas; and
 - (iii) his permanent address;
- (b) inscribe on his beehive, or if he has more than one beehive situated at a particular site, inscribe on at least one of them, in a clear manner, his full name and his permanent address;
- (c) permit the control or inspection of his beehives and his apicultural workshop at any reasonable time by an inspector of apiculture.

(2) Any apiarist who fails to comply with the provisions of this section shall be guilty of an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds.

Inspectors of apiculture to be appointed by Chief Officer.

5. The Chief Officer shall appoint inspectors of apiculture for the purpose of supervising and controlling the use beehives and apicultural workshops.

Placing, removing and using beehives.

6. An apiarist shall place, remove and use his beehives in accordance with the provisions of this Ordinance and of any regulations made under it.

Chief Officer may declare areas as apicultural areas.

7. The Chief Officer may, by a decision published in the Gazette, declare an area which is rich in apian plants as an apicultural area where beehives of an apiarist may be placed.

Placing of beehives on public land.

8. The placing of a beehive on any public land may be allowed only if a permit authorising it has been given by the authority responsible for the land in question.

Disputes between apiarists and others may be decided by Area Officer.

9. Where any dispute arises between an apiarist and any other person as to whether any damage has been suffered by that other person as a result of the placing of a beehive of the apiarist at any place, the Area Officer shall be competent to determine the dispute on the application of either party.

Prescribing and protecting apian plants.

10.-(1) The Chief Officer may prescribe by a decision published in the Gazette a plant as being an apian plant.

(2) The Chief Officer may, by a decision published in the Gazette, prescribe any measures for the protection of any apian plant in the Areas.

Aerial spraying.

11.-(1) Any person who carries out aerial spraying shall notify the Area Officer and any apicultural associations in their Area, in advance and by the means which they usually have at their disposal for communications, the precise times and areas at which they propose to carry out aerial spraying.

(2) This section shall apply to the Crown in any capacity.

Artificial honeycombs.

12. The manufacture, disposal or sale of artificial honeycombs is hereby prohibited, unless they are manufactured from pure bees wax.

13. Subject to section 4(2), any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance or of any regulations made under it shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to imprisonment not exceeding one month or to a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or to both such penalties.

Offences and penalties.

14. The Administrator may make regulations for the better application of the provisions of this Ordinance.

Regulations.

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Chief Officer.

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