

# BIOSECURITY ALERT ON THE IMPORTATION OF ANIMAL PRODUCT

# BAF IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR SHELF STABLE PRODUCTS CONTAINING 10% OR LESS THAN 10%OF BEE HONEY AS INGREDIENT

# Warning:

Biosecurity is your responsibility. Heavy Penalties apply. If in doubt, declare it.

Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) has reviewed the import of shelf stable product containing 10% or less than 10 % of bee honey as ingredient into Fiji. Restriction will remain for importation raw bee honey from any country into Fiji.

**Shelf-stable food** is food of a type that can be safely stored at room temperature in a sealed container. This includes foods that would normally be stored refrigerated but which have been processed so that they can be safely stored at room or ambient temperature for a usefully long shelf life.

- <u>Confectionaries</u>: Import permit does not require to Import confectionaries (Ex: Chocolate, cookies, etc.) into Fiji from any countries even if these products are containing bee honey as an ingredient.
- **2.** Cosmetics: Import permit does not require to Import cosmetics (Eg: lip balm, skin lotion, body soap, hair shampoo, etc) into Fiji from any countries even if these products are containing bee honey as an ingredient.
- 3. <u>Medications:</u> Import permit does not require to Import medications (Eg: cough mixture, capsules, etc) into Fiji from any countries even if these products are containing bee honey as an ingredient.
- **4.** <u>Commercial Importation</u>: Shelf stable product containing 10% or less than 10 % of bee honey as ingredient can be allowed with BAF Import permit and Manufacture Declaration.

Passengers are not allowed to import products containing bee honey as ingredient other than confectionaries, cosmetics and medications.

### Please note

The product containing 10% or less than 10 % of bee honey as ingredient must be

- shelf stable
- commercially prepared and packaged
- in its original packaging on arrival
- labeled on the package in English language and fulfill the following :
  - ✓ State country of manufacturing
  - State country of origin
  - Must have ingredient list with composition of each ingredient
- The **products containing bee honey must be declared** and consignments are subject to inspection at port of entry, the border and post-border for biosecurity purposes.

## What you need to do

If you wish to import shelf stable products containing 10% or less than 10 % of bee honey as ingredient in the final product, please apply for an Import Permit from BAF. Applications for Permits to Import Animal Products can be obtained from the BAF website www.baf.com.fj or email info@baf.com.fj & animalimports@com.fj

BAF will access the import application case by case. The import permit will be issued if BAF requirement is fulfilled.

For further clarifications do not hesitate to contact the BAF Permits team at BAF Headquarters on 3312512 Ext 124 or alternatively, on email: <u>info@baf.com.fj</u> & <u>animalimports@com.fj</u>

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