

## Sussex Beekeepers Association Annual Beemarket

### Regulations for Entry of Bees for Sale

- 1 A separate certificate of description **must** accompany each container of bees
- 2 Every container of bees and each frame to be sold **must** be inspected and marked as such by an inspector of the National Bee Unit not more than 14 days or less than 2 days before the date of sale
- 3 The seller **must** complete the Certificate of Description in the presence of the bee inspector who will sign and date it. The original is to be attached to the lot, and a copy given to the inspector. The seller should retain a further copy for future reference
- 4 The bees **must** be transported to the sale and kept in a bee tight container indelibly marked with the seller's postcode and telephone number. The container **must** be fitted with an effective wire mesh ventilated screen securely attached to the container and **must** be delivered between 8.30 and 10.30 on the morning of the sale. Each container **must** be accompanied by the original signed Certificate of Description which must be securely fastened to the container in a protective transparent bag or envelope. Any lot not complying with these requirements will not be offered for sale
- 5 It is the responsibility of the seller to ensure that the bees are properly looked after until sold or removed if unsold, (have adequate space and ventilation, be shaded, sprayed with water etc)
- 6 No bees are to be released or opened up before, during or after the sale
- 7 All lots of bees will be sold only by the description in the Certificate and the buyer will be entitled to rely on the Certificate as giving a fair indication of the contents of the container
- 8 All lots must be removed by the seller (if unsold) or buyer (if sold) before 4.00 on the day of the sale. The seller is responsible for ensuring safety and security until a lot is sold; immediately thereafter the buyer is responsible
- 9 In the interest of pest and disease traceability both the buyer and the seller hereby agree that their details can be provided to the National Bee Unit
- 10 If a buyer believes that the Certificate does not provide a fair description of the contents of a container purchased at the Bee Market this must be notified to the Beemarket Treasurer within 24 hours of the commencement of the sale and the lot must be presented to the Treasurer (or an appointed deputy) with the original Certificate and receipt for purchase within 48 hours of the commencement of the sale. No other claimed discrepancies will be considered. No claims will be considered if the contents or the container have been damaged or inadequately handled or protected after the sale
- 11 The Treasurer (or an appointed deputy) will have sole and final responsibility for deciding whether, having regard to any natural changes since inspection, a container of bees is fairly described in the Certificate. The Treasurer may decide in the light of this decision to annul the sale and to withhold payment to the seller or to set an adjustment in the price not exceeding 20%. If an adjustment in the price is not set by the Treasurer the sale will be annulled and the seller will be responsible for collecting the disputed item from the buyer and it will become at the sellers risk. If the Treasurer decides to set an adjustment to the price the seller and buyer hereby agree to be bound by this decision.