



Department of Agriculture / Measurement Standards

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To: Pesticide Applicators

Subject: Bee Check Requests Prior to Applying a Bee Sensitive Pesticide

We are in the process of transitioning to the BeeWhere (BeeWhereCalifornia.com) website to perform bee clearances for pesticide applications. The new system requires a pesticide permit number and the site id number for the location of the pesticide application to enable our office to run a bee check. The attached "Bee Check Request" form will allow us to run a check using the new system, while also utilizing the old "pin number" system to notify you of any beekeepers within a one mile radius of the application, that have requested to be notified.

Please submit all bee check requests using our new form "Kings County Bee Check Request".

In the near future pesticide applicators, (either a Grower applying pesticides on their own crops or a contracted Pest Control Business operating on behalf of a Grower) will sign up for a login on beewherecalifornia.com or use their existing CalAgPermits web user login to obtain contact information for beekeepers with colonies within a mile of an upcoming pesticide application, which will meet the applicator notification requirements as per regulation (the pesticide applicator will not receive any information about the specific locations of the bee colonies).

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- Each person intending to apply any pesticide toxic to bees to a blossoming plant shall, prior to the application, inquire of the commissioner, or of a notification service designated by the commissioner, whether any beekeeper with apiaries within one mile of the application site has requested notice of such application.
- If the person performing pest control is advised of a request for notification, he or she shall notify the beekeeper, at least 48 hours in advance of the application, of the time and place the application is to be made, the crop and acreage to be treated, the method of application, the identity and dosage rate of the pesticide to be applied and how the person performing pest control may be contacted by the beekeeper. This time may be increased or decreased by the commissioner, or by an agreement of both the beekeeper and the person performing the pest control work.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact our office at (559) 852-2830.

Sincerely,

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