

## BEEKEEPING MANAGEMENT PLAN

**First notification**

**Subsequent variations**

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_, owner or legal representative of the farm

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Located in \_\_\_\_\_ St. n° \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality \_\_\_\_\_  
Prov. \_\_\_\_\_,

with VAT code no. \_\_\_\_\_,

in complying with the provisions stated in point 1 of Art. 63 of Regulation (EC) 889/2009 and its subsequent amendments,

**declare**

- That the information given in the description of the production units, facilities and activities communicated in the Notification of Activities performed through Organic Methods and in the related annexed documents are complete;
- That all the necessary measures aimed at ensuring observance of Regulations (EC) 834/07 and 889/08 have been complied with.

### 1) Description and management of production units.

The complete description of the farm, with the number of apiaries, number of families, and the farm's facilities subject to control pursuant to Regulations (EC) 834/07 and 889/08, have been indicated in the Notification of Activities performed with the Organic Method.

ICEA will receive annual reports on estimated productions foreseen, within the time frames established or on the occurrence of any type of variation. The farm shall guarantee the proper distance that shall separate the various organic production units to avoid any type of pollution, even if accidental.

### 2) Registration

The farm shall maintain a proper and precise accounting system to record financial transactions and activities of the warehouses, keeping count of the list of suppliers, bulk of material acquired and quantities used besides the products sold, so as to verify correspondence between income and expenditures, of both the technical equipment and production. The farm will moreover compile the following documentation:

REGISTER OF RAW MATERIAL;  REGISTER OF BEEKEEPING OPERATIONS M.0316;  REGISTER OF BEEKEEPING PRODUCTIONS M.0317;  MAP OF APIARY SITES M.0312;  SALES REGISTERS;  OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_.

### 3) Wax replacement needs YES NO

Should wax analysis give positive results (for admission to the control system) and in order to evidence the products prohibited by Regulations (EC) 834/07 and 889/08, a  WAX REPLACEMENT PLAN M.0324 was provided for, through which the farm will undertake, within 36 months, to replace the wax in the nest frames of the hives subject to control. The nest frames inserted yearly will be evidenced with indelible marks according to the procedures given in the wax replacement plan.

The first year will provide for the replacement of 50% of the wax which will be the prerequisite to apply for product certification, at the end of the established transition period for the bees.

The wax for the new frames will all come from organic production units.

During the conversion periods, inorganic wax can be used only if:

a) organically produced wax is not available on the market;

b) it can be proven that the inorganic wax does not contain substances prohibited by organic productions;

c) the inorganic wax used does not come from operculums.

OTHERS .....

**4) Treatments**

In case of *Varroa destructor* infestations the following will be used:

- formic acid  lactic acid,  acetic acid  oxalic acid  menthol  thymol,  eucalyptol  camphor  
 elimination of the drone brood  OTHERS.....

All the preventive actions used against the *Varroa destructor* will be annotated on the farm's registers.

- For apiary disinfection, physical treatments with vapor or direct flames will be performed.  
 OTHERS.....

**5) Apiary renewal**

- Bees coming from organic productions units will be used  
 an annual 10 % of the queen bees and the swarm may be replaced with inorganic queen bees and swarms on the condition that the queen bees and swarms are placed in hives with honeycombs or wax frames originating from organic production units.  
 OTHERS.....

**6) Hives**

- The hives must essentially be made up of natural material which is not harmful to the environment or to apicultural products.  
 OTHERS.....

**7) Nutrition**

- At the end of the production season, the hives will be left a sufficient ration of honey and pollen to last the entire winter season.  
 Artificial feeding of the bee colony will be given only when the survival of the hive is endangered by adverse climatic conditions and only between the period of the honey harvesting and fifteen days before the start of the next nectar or honeydew flow. In these cases feeding will be effected with honey, sugar or syrup of organic sugars.  
 OTHERS.....

**8) Migratory beekeeping**

- Should the apiaries be moved to nonconforming locations or in the case of new apiaries, ICEA will have to be informed in writing (fax, e-mail or ordinary mail) at least 10 days in advance with a precise indication of the date and new location.  
 OTHERS.....

**9) Honey extraction laboratories**

- The farm has its own honey extraction laboratory possessing a regular sanitary permit, copy of which will be issued to ICEA;  
 The farm does not have its own honey separating laboratory but possesses a subcontract arrangement for the use of a honey separating laboratory having a regular health certificate, a copy of which is furnished to ICEA;  
 OTHERS.....

**10) Access to the production units**

- In order to carry out inspections, ICEA personnel will have free access to all the areas of the production units and facilities, the books and the relevant support documentation, both during the planned inspection visits and surprise inspection visits.  
 OTHERS.....

<b>DOCUMENTATION ANNEXED TO THIS TECHNICAL REPORT</b>	
Notification of production activities using the organic method ( <i>Ministerial Model</i> )	
Sanitary authorization or equivalent documents	
Other sector permits	
Flow chart for the products specified	
Farm Plan	
Excerpt of the HACCP Manual ( <i>see norm on set of hygiene norms</i> )	
VAT Certificate	
Map of the apiary locations	
Others _____	
Others _____	
Others _____	
Others _____	

### Commitment Statement – Art. 63 of Regulation (EC) 889/08

I, the undersigned \_\_\_\_\_, owner or legal representative of the abovementioned farm, in compliance with the provisions of Art. 63 of Regulation (EC) 889/08 as amended.

With this statement, also undertake to:

1. Perform all operations in conformity with the provisions of Regulation (EC) 834/07 and Regulation (EC) 889/08 and as amended.
2. Accept, in case of irregularities or infringements, the application of the measures referred to in the abovementioned regulations;
3. Accept, should the case apply, that I should inform all buyers of the products by means of a written notice, regarding the current status of organic production methods, and the suspension of certification for these products;
4. Notify ICEA of any changes in the concrete measures referred to in this document, within the established time frames and not longer than 30 days from the occurrence of such variations;
5. Allow the exchange of information of various control bodies with one another concerning the operations carried out on my farm and that of subcontractors that are subject to their control;
6. Verify the correspondence between the incoming and outgoing amounts and prepare the explanations for this data registered in the farm books.

**Signature and stamp of the Farm Owner**

Date

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SPACE RESERVED FOR THE CONTROL BODY

### Assessment of Technical Report (by the Officer in charge of certification/TC of ICEA)

Satisfactory

Not satisfactory

Other possible provisions to be adopted: