



## PROTOCOL

**The following protocol should be followed by beekeepers when moving and or maintaining beehives during the further roll out of the Covid-19 lockdown period after 1 May 2020:**

1. Beekeepers shall, as per the latest regulations issued under the Disaster Management Act, be in possession of the required travel documentation as follows:
  - A valid identification document;
  - Drivers licence;
  - DAFF (DALRRD) beekeeper certificate; and
  - Letter of employment for each worker present in the vehicle.
2. Prior arrangement with landowners to obtain permission to enter their property will be essential during this period where movement of people are to be limited
2. There should be limited contact with landowners and farm workers
3. When travelling, the number of workers should be restricted to meet the recommended number of passengers per vehicle
4. Cloth face masks should be worn at all times
5. Hand sanitizer to be present in vehicle at all times
6. The load should be covered with a shade net to prevent flying bees where this movement is carried out during day time
7. The same provisions to apply to bee removal services, for removal of wild bee colonies which may put humans or animals at risk due to stinging behavior
8. Beekeepers shall be registered by DALRRD and shall mark beehives with the registration mark allocated by DALRRD
9. Beekeepers shall comply to all other Regulations applicable to the movement of bees, i.e. disease notification as applicable, capensis infestation and movement across the dividing line (see SABIO website)
10. This Protocol shall remain in place until such time as the COVID-19 lock-down is lifted or new measures are announced by DALRRD.