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TITLE II

RULES ON PRODUCTION, PROCESSING, PACKAGING, TRANSPORT AND STORAGE OF ORGANIC PRODUCTS

CHAPTER 2

Livestock production

Section 2

Livestock housing and husbandry practices

Article 13

Specific requirements and housing conditions in beekeeping

1 The siting of the apiaries shall be such that, within a radius of 3 km from the apiary site, nectar and pollen sources consist essentially of organically produced crops and/or spontaneous vegetation and/or crops treated with low environmental impact methods equivalent to those as described in Article 36 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1698/2005⁽¹⁾ or in Article 22 of Council Regulation 1257/1999⁽²⁾ which cannot affect the qualification of beekeeping production as being organic. The above mentioned requirements do not apply where flowering is not taking place, or the hives are dormant.

2 The Member States may designate regions or areas where beekeeping complying with organic production rules is not practicable.

3 The hives shall be made basically of natural materials presenting no risk of contamination to the environment or the apiculture products.

4 The bees wax for new foundations shall come from organic production units.

5 Without prejudice to Article 25, only natural products such as propolis, wax and plant oils can be used in the hives.

6 The use of chemical synthetic repellents is prohibited during honey extractions operations.

7 The use of brood combs is prohibited for honey extraction.

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- (1) OJ L 277, 21.10.2005, p. 1.
- (2) OJ L 160, 26.6.1999, p. 80.