[Legal Notice No. 74]

THE BEE INDUSTRY ACT 1994 (No. 2 of 1994)

THE BEE INDUSTRY (PROHIBITION ON IMPORTATION OF BEE, BEE PRODUCTS AND USED APPLIANCES) REGULATIONS 1996

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(2) (a) of the Bee Industry Act, 1994, I EDMUND ANDRESEN, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, do hereby make the following Regulations -

- 1. These regulations may be cited as the Bee Industry (Prohibition on Importation of Bee, Bee Products and Used Appliances) Regulations 1996.
 - 2. In this regulation the terms -
 - "bee product" means any honey, honey-dew, pollen, beeswax, venom, propolis, royal jelly and includes any other product in its natural state collected from bees or derived from bees:

"bee" means any living stages of the honey-bee, Apis mellifera,

including semen and include every other species of bee, including its eggs, larva, pupae and semen; and "Appliance" means any hive, bee-comb, extractor, bee-house or other apparatus being used or intended to be used in connection with bee keeping.

- 3. (1) Except with a valid import permit the importation, landing or introduction into Solomon Islands or any part thereof bee, bee products and used appliance is prohibited.
- (2) Notwithstanding the provision of subregulation (1), the Minister may in special circumstances grant a special permit for the importation, landing or introduction into Solomon Islands of any bee, bee products and used appliance is prohibited.
- (3) The Minister when issuing such special permit impose any condition as he sees fit.
- 4. Any bee, bee product and used appliance imported, landed or introduced contrary to these regulations without a valid permit accompanied with health certificates may be seized and destroyed by an inspector.

Dated at Honiara this twenty-first day of May 1996.

EDMUND ANDRESEN

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries