

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 36]

BIOSECURITY ACT 2008

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## **Declaration of Biosecurity Emergency Areas for American Foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*)**

IN exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 77 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, with the advice of the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji and in consultation with the National Disaster Management Council, I hereby declare the whole of Fiji as biosecurity emergency area for American Foulbrood (*Paenibacillus larvae*).

This Declaration is in force for a period of 6 months from the date of its publication in the Gazette.

Any movement of honey bees, beehives and bee products excluding extracted honey for commercial purpose within Fiji is strictly prohibited unless the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji provides prior authorisation for the movement.

Any movement of any material such as bee keeping tools and equipment exposed or having any type of contact with honey bees within Fiji is strictly prohibited unless the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji provides prior authorisation for the movement.

The request for any movement will be facilitated based on standard operation procedures issued by the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji.

Pursuant to sections 79(3) and 94 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, any person who contravenes any direction made pursuant to this Declaration commits an offence and is liable to the penalties prescribed under Schedule 5 to the Biosecurity Act 2008.

Dated this 26th day of April 2023.

S. L. RABUKA  
Prime Minister and Minister for Public Enterprises