

[LEGAL NOTICE NO. 87]

BIOSECURITY ACT 2008

**Declaration of Biosecurity Emergency Areas for
Varroa Mite
(*Varroa jacobsoni*)**

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 a biosecurity emergency area for Varroa Mite (*Varroa jacobsoni*).

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

Any movement of beehives, nucleus colonies, queen bees or used apicultural equipment within Fiji is strictly prohibited unless the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji provides prior authorisation for the movement.

Any movement authorised by the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji pursuant to this Declaration will be facilitated based on standard operating 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 11th day of September 2020.

A. SAYED-KHAIYUM
Attorney-General and Minister for Economy