

Minimum Requirements for the Inspection of Beekeeping Projects in Organic Certification

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Production	Storage	Processing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contract with a inspection body has to exist • conversion period at least 1 year starting from completion of the contract • analysis of residues in honey and wax for the first inspection • exchange of wax when residues are found • honey foraged from plants not cultivated organically with application of pesticides and/or other agricultural chemicals must not be certified • artificial feeding only with certified foods • treatments and inputs only from the positive list • an economically reasonable project should at least count with 50-70 colonies per producer, ideal are 100 colonies • project size for initial inspection: at least 1.500 colonies assuming 40 kg honey/colony this implies 3 containers (approximately 60 t) • the colonies are spread over max. 3 regional groups • minimum number of colonies inspected a day: 500 (equal to 1 container of honey of 20 tons) • general duration of inspection of 1.500 colonies: 3 days field inspection assuming a 100% external control • where inspection is partly internal (e.g. in cooperatives) inspection may be staggered upon previous consultation • peasant cooperatives must have a internal control system with contracts between members and the society and obligation to organic standards clearly defined 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • storage in roofed warehouses with capacity to cope with seasonal production • protection from sun, rain and excessive heat • lorry or forwarding agent to collect and transport drums (transport record must exist) • scale to weigh drums of at least 300 kg • loading and unloading equipment (e.g. stacker) or sufficient man-power • storage place must be dry and clean with a solid flooring and must keep bees outside • no danger of contamination (e.g. mineral oil) • clear physical separation between organic and conventional production • product flow guaranteed (traceability) by labelling (numbering system of batches) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • filter and/or sieves must be of stainless steel or food-safe plastic • where pumps are used they must be equipped with food-safe tubes and fittings. Gravitational filtering with nylon sieves is permitted • stainless steel tanks with mixer must have a capacity of at least 4 tons when homogenising better 10 tons. Bottling of the raw product is also allowed • plant with solid flooring (concrete or something similar) • cleaning with water must be possible • product flow guaranteed (traceability) by labelling (numbering system of batches)

Minimum documentation required

	for producer	for collecting points	for processor	for export and project management
Once	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • map of grounds and buildings • forage calendar • numberings system of batches (labelling of the bottled product to guarantee production flow/traceability) • description of the production unit (recollection of data), yearly updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • map of grounds and buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • map of grounds and buildings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • map of location of all beekeepers • Approved Beekeeper List, (ABL)
Continually	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • honey record • wax record • record of other bee products • record of treatment for bee diseases and plagues • migration record including sketch • feeding record 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • honey record • wax record • record of other bee products • receipts of inputs and outputs • clear physical separation between organic and conventional production • product flow guaranteed (traceability) by labelling (numbering system of batches) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • honey record • wax record • record of other bee products • receipts of inputs and outputs • clear physical separation between organic and conventional production • product flow guaranteed (traceability) by labelling (numbering system of batches) • filling report (including delivery notes, weighing receipts etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • honey record • wax record • record of other bee products • receipts of inputs and outputs • clear physical separation between organic and conventional production • product flow guaranteed (traceability) by labelling (numbering system of batches) • invoices, delivery notes, export receipts, bills of loading, transportation advice notes