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Modification History

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	This version released with AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Version 3.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit. There must be evidence that on at least one occasion the individual has demonstrated that they have collected and stored propolis including:

- assessed safety hazards, risks and applied appropriate controls
- selected, fitted and used personal protective equipment (PPE) while handling and working safely around bees
- · identified and prepared hives suitable for producing propolis
- determined a propolis production strategy and manipulated hive to stimulate propolis production
- · applied quality assurance and food safety and quality procedures
- cleaned and sanitised tools and removed propolis from the hive
- remove propolis ensuring minimal colony disturbance
- used appropriate propolis extraction and storage methods.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- · honey bees and their behaviours for propolis and its production including types of flora
- recognition of propolis and distinguishing features from other substances collected by honey bees
- propolis production and collection strategies and hive manipulations to increase propolis production
- suitable extraction methods, conditions and constraints when collecting propolis
- methods, procedures and conditions for storing propolis
- · food safety requirements when collecting propolis and working with hives
- honey industry quality assurance and biosecurity requirements specific to propolis production.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - an active apiary or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - live honey bees
 - tools for manipulating a hive and collecting propolis
 - cleaning products that comply with food safety standards
 - PPE
- specifications:
 - workplace procedures for propolis production
 - safety data sheets for cleaning products.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=c6399549-9c62-4a5e-bfla-524b2322cf72