

02 NCAC 48A .0265 AFRICANIZED BEE/VARROA MITE CLEAN UP AREA

(a) To prevent introduction of the Africanized bee (hybrids of *Apis mellifera scutellata*) and the Varroa mite (*Varroa destructor*) into North Carolina through the ports at Morehead City and Wilmington, Africanized bee/Varroa mite clean up areas are hereby established at these ports.

(b) The clean up areas are the areas encompassed within a two mile radius with center at the western terminus of Morehead City-Beaufort Bridge on U.S. 70 in Morehead City, North Carolina and within a two mile radius with center at the western terminus of Shipyard Boulevard in Wilmington, North Carolina.

(c) These areas are hereby declared bee-free areas. No bees shall be kept or husbanded in these areas without permission of the State Apiarist. Apiary inspectors are authorized to take and destroy any bees found in these areas including bees on ships or in cargo. No one shall transport or ship bees into or from these areas unless they are part of a bee shipment through the ports. Any cargo containing bees shall not be removed from the area until declared bee-free by an Apiary Inspector. No one shall capture or take a swarm of bees from the area. Bees and their progeny taken from the area are subject to destruction without regard to whether they are Africanized or not.

History Note: Authority G.S. 106-639; 106-640;

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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. March 24, 2019.