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Introduction	<p>Kiwo Limited works under a legal framework of the New Zealand Animal Products Act 1999 to produce honey products that are compliant for all batches of honey.</p> <p>Kiwo Limited works under EU requirements to provide honey that is EU compliant.</p>
1 Exporter Registration	<p>Kiwo is a New Zealand registered exporter under the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industry (MPI). Our Registration number in New Zealand is KWEX31. <i>See http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/registers-lists/exporters</i></p>
2 New Zealand Accreditation	<p>Food Standards New Zealand / Australia</p>
3 EU Accreditation CAC	<p>Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC)</p> <p>The Codex Alimentarius Commission is part of international food standards run by the WHO and FAO. MPI (Ministry of Primary Industry), manages New Zealand's participation in Codex. New Zealand attaches great importance to the work of Codex and has been a member since its formation in 1963.</p> <p>Beekeepers that we use are accredited to the EU, and follow requirements laid down for this to be accepted. The Bee Code of Practice sets requirements for businesses involved in the secondary processing of edible bee products. This covers the extraction of honey and the processing, packing and storage of honey, dried pollen and other edible bee products.</p> <p>HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Point), Principles are applied to for the extraction, processing, packing storage and transport of honey.</p>
2 RMP	<p>We operate under RMP (Risk Management Programs) in each area of our production. RMP applies to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">BeekeeperHoney Extractor.Honey Transport, Domestic and International.Packing House.Storage and Export Facility <p>Each RMP works to complete documentation required by the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Produce. No consignment of honey can be processed or move in any way unless it is covered by an RMP process or and/or destination.</p> <p>The code adherence of each RMP is governed by an independent auditor.</p> <p>"A RMP is designed to identify, control, manage and eliminate or minimise hazards and other risk factors so that the resulting product is fit for its intended purpose. If a government official assurance is requested or required for bee products being exported, they must have been processed, stored or handled in premises operating under an RMP".</p> <p><i>See http://www.asurequality.com/asurequality-services-to-the-apiculture-beekeeping-industry/verification-and-certification-services-to-the-apiculture-beekeeping-industry.cfm</i></p>

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3 Biosecurity

Within New Zealand the following programs are in place to ensure the health of our beehives. Biosecurity services involve both surveying for an exotic bee disease, as well as developing capability and responding to incursions. Work includes:

- Hive inspection and sampling.
- Maintaining an apiary database.
- Providing technical advice and training to beekeepers.
- Screening of exotic bee pest and disease enquiries.
- Reporting on activities and providing articles.
- Biosecurity emergency response.

4 MPI Food Safety

Within New Zealand, Kiwo needs to comply with:

New Zealand Food Act 1981

Animal Products Act 1999.

See <http://www.foodsafety.govt.nz/industry/sectors/honey-bee/>

This means:

- We need to test for Tutin.
- We must operate under an RMP. See above.
- We must participate in the residues monitoring programme, which tests for contaminants in bee products – this is governed by an **RCS** (Regulated Control Scheme). Through the bee products **RCS**, MAF Food Safety verifies the absence or presence, extent and distribution of contaminants in bee products intended for export.

5 Animal Products E-Cert

AP-ECert

The primary purpose of the **AP E-Cert** is to:

- Track the market eligibility and status of food products from the time they are produced until they are exported.
- Approve and print Export Certificates.
- Most food products exported from New Zealand must be accompanied by an approved export certificate.
- Export certification is supported by the MAF verification regime, which confirms the compliance of products and premises with New Zealand's and destination country requirements. An approved export certificate is provided to the appropriate border agency of the destination country.
 - in either electronic and/or paper form.
 - to facilitate border clearance into that country.

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Electronic certification is a mechanism to:

- Increase the robustness of the pre-certification verification checks, by keeping verification information in one place.
- Improve the efficiency of the export certification process.
- Reduce the total cost of verification and certification.
- Significantly reduce the risk of errors.
- Reduce the likelihood of fraud – because paper certificates can be fraudulently used, providing border authorities with access to E-cert means they can validate the certificates online, which significantly improves the detection of fraudulent certificates.
- Offer the ability to rapidly respond to changing market requirements.
- Provide a means to improve the quality and range of data from which government and industry can make strategic decisions.

6 Export Certificate

The culmination of our testing process is the issuing of an Export Certificate.

When the product is ready for export, the exporter, or their agent, uses AP E-cert to enter the required product and consignment data and generate a request for an export certificate.

After the request is submitted, the authorised person accesses AP E-cert and approves or rejects the export certificate. This is based upon their knowledge and review of the request, including:

The product history

The premises

The supporting internal transfer documents

The destination country's regulatory requirements.

When they are satisfied, the certificate is printed and signed. Together with the supporting eligibility documents, it accompanies the product to the destination country. A single export certificate can have one or more supporting eligibility documents. If the information provided is incomplete or the product is not suitable for export, the authorised person advises you that your request has been rejected.

7 NZ Process Complete

Goods are exported from New Zealand.