

LEGAL REGULATIONS OF BEEKEEPING

SUMMARY

Beekeeping is one of the oldest hobbies all around the world. People used to breed bees many many years ago and it caused a necessity to regulate the relationships between beekeepers and between beekeepers and the state by law. First proper beelaw originated in the time of Marie Terezie in the 18th century. Later on was beekeeping regulated in many fractional laws, but the most important was the Civil code, which we still use nowadays. This code solves the most important questions of beekeeping as the possession of bees and the liability of beekeepers. The codes have to protect bees on one side and also people on the other side. Bees have to be protected from different kinds of fertilizers which are often used to keep plants fresh and healthy. The planters must obey several rules and in case of breaking these rules they can be punished. If the protection of people is concerned, the beekeepers must be careful where to put their hives, so that the bees don't disturb other people too much. If the beedisturbing is intolerable, the beekeeper can be brought to the court. The beekeepers have to take care of their bees properly. They must be careful when they want to replace the hives, they must protect the bees from the beediseases and if they find out a disease, their duty is to report the appearance of this disease to relevant office which has to make several arrangements to protect other bees from getting ill too. Bees are breded to get some special qualities eg. higher immunity to beediseases. We can get many products from these little flying animals eg. wax, propolis, beebread and honey. A lot of people use honey as a sweetener because its taste is much better than normal sugar. We can also find several regulations for honey production. How to produce honey, how to mark it, how to pack it, store it and sell it. Most states all around the world regulate the basic principles of beekeeping similarly in their nationale codes. Hopefully, there will still be enough people loving bees who take care of these little animals, so that we can eat as much honey as we want.

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