



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
FOOD & AGRICULTURE

Karen Ross, Secretary

Registration and Use of An Apiary Brand Number

To receive a Serial Brand Number for apiary equipment, complete and return the application attached, together with the fee of **\$25.00** to Cashier, Department of Food and Agriculture, P.O. Box 942871, Sacramento, CA 94271-2872. Make check payable to “Cashier, BDC/VPCR 12030.” **Please do not send coin or currency.** This does not include the cost of a branding iron, which can only be purchased directly from a manufacturer.

When used on wooden equipment for ownership protection, the brand must be burned into the wood in numbers one-half inch in height. Hive bodies and supers must be branded at each end near the upper left-hand corner about two inches below the top edge and approximately one inch from the left end. Other equipment may be branded in any place desired.

Brands are permanent records on apiary equipment and may not legally be removed or changed in any way. A person who receives equipment-bearing brands other than his own **must** obtain a bill of sale. If the new owner has a brand of his own, he must re-brand the equipment by placing his brand directly below the original brand on the supers. Frames may be re-branded by placing the new brand directly to the right of the original brand.

Apiary brand numbers are transferable. If the purchaser does not already have a registered brand number, he may use a brand number and branding iron acquired by purchaser, providing a bill of sale for the acquired brand number and branding iron has been forwarded to the Cashier, Department of Food and Agriculture, accompanied by a transfer fee of \$25.00.

In the event that the purchaser already has a registered brand number, he may have other brand numbers transferred to his name without charge by forwarding a bill of sale to the Apiary Brand Program, Department of Food and Agriculture. All branding irons or branding devices acquired by such transfer must be destroyed and notification of their destruction sent to the Apiary Brand Program.

Bill of Sale and Certificate of Destruction forms are included in this package for your convenience. You can obtain additional forms from the Apiary Brand Program or any County Agricultural Commissioner’s office.



