

## HONEY EXPORT PROCEDURES AND DOCUMENTATION

Zambia now has one of the most liberalised and simplified export procedures. Rules and regulations pertaining to the export of non-traditional exports are non-restrictive. Exports of grain are however sometimes subjected to seasonal regulation to forestall shortages. In some cases, exporters are required to secure authority documents or other necessary certificates for export consignments of veterinary items, botanical items etc and submit them to customs.

Export procedures are as follows:

- Obtain the customs and Excise Document (CED) Form 20 from the Zambia Revenue Authority or any other designated printer and indicate on it the range and value of products meant for export.
- Get a stamped Certificate of Origin from the Zambia Revenue Authority for each of the markets the exporter wants to export to: EUR 1 for Europe, GSP for countries within the trade arrangements and COMESA certificate of origin for exports to COMESA member countries.
- Obtain a Phytosanitary certificate which encompasses honey and beeswax from Mount Makulu Research Station in Chilanga.
- Obtain the chemical analysis report from the Ministry of Health, Food and Drugs Control Laboratory before exporting honey and beeswax out of Zambia. **In case of European Union certification bodies such as Ecocert International and Soil Association Certificate Limited may be required to undertake the certification**
- Obtain an export permit from the Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry.

### What documentation is required when exporting?

Zambia's customs procedures have largely been streamlined in line with the policy of liberalisation. A single customs and excise form is used for both exports and imports. Other documents are merely attached.

At the time of exporting the consignment, the exporter should submit the Customs and Excise Declaration Form 20 accompanied by the following documents to customs officials at Ports of exit:

- Commercial Invoice
- A Packing List
- A certificate of origin (duly signed by approved authorities where applicable)
- Shipping consignment notes (airway bill/bill of lading)
- Clearance certificate
- A certificate of agreement (where applicable); and records of production