



# Beekeeping in Norway

Some refugees and immigrants arriving in Norway have traditions and experience with beekeeping and wish to continue this activity here. If doing so, it is crucial to follow Norwegian regulations, to protect local honeybee health and prevent the spread of diseases.

## 🚫 Do Not Bring Bees or Used Beekeeping Equipment Across Borders

- It is **not allowed** to bring bees into Norway without **special permission**.

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## 📖 Norwegian Beekeeping Rules

Beekeeping in Norway is regulated by the **Norwegian Food Safety Authority (Mattilsynet)**.

- Rules apply to:
  - Buying/selling bees and used beekeeping equipment
  - Registering your apiary location
  - Moving bees within Norway
  - Disease control and treatment

🔗 Learn more: <https://www.mattilsynet.no/en> <https://norbi.no/lover-og-regler/>

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## 🔊 How to Start Beekeeping in Norway

- **Buy bees and equipment locally** – this is the safest and easiest way.
- **Join a local beekeeping association** to get help, training, and local knowledge.

🔗 Find your local beekeeping group: <https://norbi.no/finn-fylkes-og-lokallag/>

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## 🚫 Importing Bees from Abroad

Importing bees is strictly regulated:

1. You must be a **registered importer**.
2. Bees must be **certified healthy** by a government vet. **Only queen bees** can be imported from outside the EU/EEA – and only under strict conditions.
3. Imports must be registered in the **TRACES system**. 🔗 <https://www.mattilsynet.no/import/traces>

## Questions?

Contact: Norges Birøkterlag (Beekeepers Association) [www.norbi.no](http://www.norbi.no)

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