Pollination Standard (2015)

1. HIVE
   a. Langstroth type,
   b. Removable Frames,
   c. Frames Strengthened (Integrity during Transport).
   d. Super not a requirement, but used when Applicable.

2. LEAKPROOFNESS
   a. Construction &
   b. Condition :
   c. Ability to Seal Easily & Quickly.
   d. Bees may not Escape during Transport.

3. VENTILATION
   a. Construction,
   b. Condition,
   c. Closing Mechanism &
   d. Transport Practice :
   e. Facilitate Sufficient Ventilation
   f. To Prevent Heat Damage to Brood & Bees.
   g. Colony must be able to Function Normally one Day after Introduction.

4. QUEEN STATUS
   a. Actively Laying,
   b. As Reflected by the Brood Pattern,
   c. With a Good Distribution in the Amount of
   d. Eggs, Larvae & Sealed Brood.
5. DISEASE STATUS
   a. AFB --- No clinical symptoms.
   b. EFB --- Max 50 cells with clinical symptoms.
   c. Chalk Brood --- Max 50 cells with clinical symptoms.
   d. Varroa --- Max 5% for 100 Bees counted.
   e. Small Hive Beetle --- Not excessive, especially when colony strength is marginal.

6. COLONY STRENGTH
   a. No Pollination Unit in Any Group may be Weaker than :
      i. Equivalent of 3 Frames of Brood with
      ii. 50% Cells of the above filled with Brood in all Stadia &
      iii. 6 Brood Frames Covered by Bees.
      iv. The latter in a Calmed-down Condition.
   b. Average Strength in Any Group at Least :
      i. Equivalent of 4 Frames of Brood with
      ii. 50% Cells of the above filled with Brood in all Stadia &
      iii. For a Brood Box only: 7 Brood Frames Covered by Bees or
      iv. For a Brood Box with Super: 8 Brood Frames Covered by Bees.
      v. The latter in a Calmed-down Condition.

7. HIVE MANAGEMENT
   a. Combination Effect of
   b. Hive Construction, Colony Strength & Preparation :
   c. No Excessive Honey & Pollen (max 3 frames in Brood Box & 4 frames in Super).
   d. Proper amount of Empty Space :
   e. Queen must be able to Lay eggs,
   f. Workers must be able to work Normally &
   g. Swarming tendency must be Suppressed.
   h. The above applicable at least with Introduction.