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EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

June 12, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 12, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2584 SD2 HD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HONEY.  
(ACT 167)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HONEY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to ensure that honey  
2 products are recognized by the State as agricultural  
3 commodities.

4           SECTION 2. Chapter 147, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by amending the title of part I to read as follows:

6                           "PART I. FRESH FRUITS [~~AND~~], VEGETABLES,  
7   NUTS, HONEY, AND COFFEE"

8           SECTION 3. Section 147-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended as follows:

10           1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
11 and to read:

12                   "Raw unprocessed honey" means honey that has not been  
13 heated above one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit, or filtered  
14 through a fine screen of less than one-sixty-fourth inch mesh,  
15 or treated with diatomaceous earth, or in any other way that  
16 results in the loss of any natural constituent of honey, such as  
17 plant pollen and enzymes."



1           2. By amending the definition of "agricultural commodity"  
2 to read:

3            "Agricultural commodity" means fresh fruits and fresh  
4 vegetables of every kind and character, whether or not frozen or  
5 packed in ice, whether produced in the [~~State~~] state or  
6 imported, nuts, and coffee, whether cherry[~~7~~] or parchment, or  
7 green beans, which have been produced in the [~~State7~~] state, and  
8 raw unprocessed honey, whether produced in the state or  
9 imported."

10           SECTION 4. Chapter 147, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
11 amended by amending the title of part II to read as follows:

12                       "PART II. EXPORTS: FRUITS, VEGETABLES,  
13                                NUTS, [AND] COFFEE, AND HONEY"

14           SECTION 5. Section 147-21, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
15 amended as follows:

16           1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
17 and to read:

18            "Raw unprocessed honey" means honey that has not been  
19 heated above one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit, or filtered  
20 through a fine screen of less than one-sixty-fourth inch mesh,  
21 or treated with diatomaceous earth, or in any other way that



1 results in the loss of any natural constituent of honey, such as  
2 plant pollen and enzymes."

3 2. By amending the definition of "agricultural commodity"  
4 to read:

5 "Agricultural commodity" means fruits, vegetable, nuts,  
6 [and] coffee[+], and raw unprocessed honey."

7 SECTION 6. Section 147-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
8 amended:

9 1. By adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted  
10 and to read as follows:

11 "Processed honey" means honey that has been heated above  
12 one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit, or filtered through a  
13 fine screen of less than one-sixty-fourth inch mesh, or treated  
14 with diatomaceous earth, or in any other way that results in the  
15 loss of any natural constituent of honey, such as plant pollen  
16 and enzymes."

17 2. By amending the definition of "food product" or  
18 "product" to read:

19 "Food product" or "product" means any and all fruits,  
20 vegetables, nuts, and coffee, or part or parts thereof, produced  
21 and processed within the ~~[State,~~ state, any and all honey  
22 produced and processed within the state or imported, and also



1 any and all fish and fishery products processed within the  
2 [~~State;~~] state."

3 SECTION 7. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
4 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 8. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 12 day of JUN, 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

