**Use History Validation**

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Subject:          Validation of use history

This is to validate the use history supplied by … Hans Martin …….……………………….…….…to support

the use of formic acid …………..……………. (… 65…….. %) to control the following pests … varoa and

tracheal mites ………………………………….on the following crops: … Bees

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*Please provide explanation regarding the performance of the product for the use being proposed for registration.*

I have used the MiteGone formic acid pads for nearly 10 years. I treat my bee colonies in the spring and in the fall. I follow the MiteGone recommended procedure. I have not found a similar product and procedure anywhere. I have been a representative of MiteGone for approximately 10 years. During that time I have developed a clientele, particularly among other of the beekeepers. I have never received a complaint from a customer because the product failed. To the contrary I regularly receive positive reports or repeat orders which I consider positive reports.
Whenever I am working inside a colony, I visually examine my bees for mites. Over the past 10 years I have never observed mites in my colonies. I have however visually identified mites in colonies of fellow beekeepers.

Name: Hans Martin
Professional qualification: PhD in physics
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Experience with commodity: (*Why do you consider yourself qualified to validate the use history?*)

I have been a hobby beekeeper for over 30 years. As a research scientist, I look at the behavior and the productivity of my colonies from a scientific perspective. I am a trained observer. I also frequently develop new approaches and techniques in my beekeeping. This practice is very common among all beekeepers. I keep notes on annual honey production from year to year. I also track the performance of Queens since I am permitted to sell Queens and starter colonies [nukes].

Yours truly,

Hans Martin………………………