
IMPORTANT CLIENT ALERT

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

Proposed Seasonal Measures 1st Sept 2018 - 30th April 2019

If you intend to import any target high risk commodities that originate (manufactured) in, or are shipped from, the target risk countries during the BMSB season there are some important things you need to do NOW.

Firstly, if you are unsure of the County of Origin (CoO) of your goods you need to contact your supplier to confirm the origin of your goods (or parts thereof) and ensure that you are notified at the time of submitting a purchase order if any of the goods (or parts thereof) have originated in a target risk country.

If your goods are target high risk from target risk countries:-

- **Please contact us as soon as possible to discuss your options (shipment and fumigation methods) with our Customs Brokers, Hans Van Druten and Craig Hampson on 07 3393 1888.**
- **You need to ensure that your goods are treated according to Australian Biosecurity requirements before shipment to Australia. At this stage onshore treatment will not be allowed and if these shipments have not been treated by an approved treatment provider offshore they will be either exported or destroyed.**

If you import from the target risk countries but are not sure if your goods fall into the target high risk category please contact us.

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) has announced proposed changes to biosecurity protocols ahead of the impending Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Season (BMSB). The Department will publish details of final seasonal measures soon however we advise clients to discuss these proposed measures with suppliers now for any shipments that may be impacted.

The seasonal measures only apply to certain goods manufactured in or shipped as sea cargo from target risk countries.

The BMSB season runs, for goods shipped from 1st September 2018 to 30 April 2019.

The **TARGET RISK COUNTRY** list has been expanded and at this point in time includes **USA, Italy, Germany, France, Russia, Greece, Hungary, Romania, and Georgia**. Shipments from Japan will have heightened vessel surveillance only (at this stage).

Target high risk commodities will require **mandatory offshore fumigation**. If these goods are not appropriately fumigated or if this fumigation has not been carried out by an approved treatment provider they will either be exported or destroyed.

Onshore treatment is being considered for FCL (full container load) and FCX (full container consolidated) however this is not confirmed at this point.

TARGET HIGH RISK GOODS include:-

- Machinery, vehicles, aircraft, ships, and parts thereof
- Wood, cork, carpets, stone, cement, ceramics, glass
- Tools, cutlery, arms, ammunitions, explosives
- Metals, steel, copper, nickel, aluminium, lead, zinc, tin.

It also includes goods likely to be stored in a manner that provides access for BMSB.

Target risk goods that will be directed for increased onshore intervention/fumigation include:-

- Chemicals, chemical products, fertilizers, salt, minerals
- Wood pulp, paper, cardboard, printed matter, straw, basket ware, wadding, felt
- Plastics, tyres, rubber, fuel oils.

These measures also cover goods manufactured in a target country (CoO) and later exported from a non-target country, eg. Goods produced in Italy, but shipped out of Singapore. This situation highlights the need for an increased focus on CoO on Import Documentation.

The 2018/19 season will see heightened surveillance on all roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) and general cargo vessels with pre-arrival reporting through questionnaire and daily checks for BMSB from target risk countries.

Australian Quarantine is finalising new offshore treatment assurance measures for the 2018/2019 BMSB season which will include minimum standards, a list of approved offshore treatment providers, and their processes to prevent the use of fraudulent certificates.

Treatment options include heat treatment, methyl bromide fumigation and sulfuryl fluoride fumigation. Note that methyl bromide is an ozone depleting substance, the use of which is banned in certain countries.

At this stage non-compliant consignments, including fraudulent fumigation certification, will either be:-

- **Disposed of in an approved manner, or**
- **Exported.**

All costs for treatment, inspections etc are to the account and responsibility of the importer.

BMSB seasonal measures do not apply to goods not identified as target high risk and target risk from subject countries.

For further information or assistance please contact Hans Van Druten or Craig Hampson on 07 3393 1888.

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>