

# Newsletter

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*Celebrating 40 Years in Business*

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## **Celebrating 40 Years in Business**

L.C.Loynes & Associates began operating 40 years ago on the 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 1976. To mark this special occasion we celebrated with cake, of course!

Les Loynes (pictured), who founded the company all those years ago, still works for us at L.C.Loynes & Associates.



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## **New Packing Declaration Template**

A new Packing Declaration template has been published by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR). Importers should ensure that the new packing declaration replaces the old version from this point forward, providing the new form to their suppliers. Both the individual shipment and annual packing declaration forms are available on our website <http://www.loynes.com.au/> as a Download on our homepage.

The change to the packing declaration has come about through changes to the Biosecurity Act 2015 which came into effect on 16 June 2016. The wording on the declaration has changed from 'Prohibited packaging material statement' to 'Unacceptable packaging material statement'.

The Department will continue to accept the old forms until June 2017.

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### **Wood Packaging Requirements for Export Cargo**

A reminder message to our exporting clients that ISPM 15 Wood Packaging requirements must be adhered to in export shipments from Australia. It is the responsibility of the shipper to ensure that any cargo containing wood and/or wood packaging is in line with regulations in the country of destination.

More detailed information regarding ISPM 15 standards and the requirements in each destination country is available at <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/export/certification/wood-packaging>

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### **Changes to Import Permits**

All imported goods to Australia must comply with a range of import conditions outlined in BICON (Australian Biosecurity Import Conditions). Some imports require a specific Import Permit.

The introduction of the new Biosecurity Act 2015 on 16 June 2016 means there are some changes to the imported goods that require an Import Permit.

Used machinery and tyres, some animal feeds, peat, various dried plant materials and a number of fresh food products no longer require import permits when specified import conditions are met. For more details and specific information in relation to their products, Importers should contact one of our Customs Brokers on 07 3393 1888.

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### **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Season**

The Department of Agriculture & Water Resources (DAWR) has issued its annual notice for the start of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Season which begins 1 September 2016 and runs to 30 April 2017.

High risk sea cargo shipped from the United States during this period is subject to additional treatment requirements, in addition to standard import conditions. As per last season, new and used vehicles, vessels and machinery continue to be the primary target goods. There has been some minor changes. The targeted goods have been revised to ensure more of the large, complex goods that can harbour BMSB infestations are targeted, while lower risk goods are exempted.

The 2016-17 target goods will:

- include **machinery parts shipped as break bulk** (not containerised)
- include **machinery** from **additional tariffs**
- exclude lower risk goods such as small all-terrain vehicles, jet skis, canoes and buoys.

Targeted goods must be treated with Sulfuryl Fluoride, Methyl Bromide or Heat (50°C or greater).

These measures will remain in place for the entire season unless pest infestations are detected. Should this occur, the Department may impose emergency requirements similar to those implemented during the 2014-15 season. The department is also monitoring the risk of BMSB from other parts of the world and will develop measures if required.

For more information please contact one of our Customs Brokers on 0733931888, or go to <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>

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### **Turbulent Times in the Shipping Industry Continue**

Yesterday, 31 August 2016, Hanjin Shipping Co Ltd went into receivership. Hanjin Shipping is South Korea's largest shipper and the world's 7<sup>th</sup> largest container line. It was in debt to the tune of \$5billion at the end of 2015 and despite efforts over the past five years it has been unable to turn the company's position around.

This is yet another telling sign of the state of International Trade. Hanjin Shipping like all shipping lines has been grappling with a major slump in global trade. The industry worldwide has been forced to sell assets, cut jobs and idle some operations to bolster finances as the slowdown makes competition cutthroat and drops rates to unsustainable and non-profitable levels.

Another big change and also a reflection of the times is the upcoming merger between Hapag-Lloyd and United Arab Shipping Co. This merger will form the 5<sup>th</sup> largest container line.

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### **Shipping Charges and Rate Announcements**

*Korea, China, Taiwan & Hong Kong to Australia*

- A General Rate Increase of US\$300/20' container and US\$600/40' container has been announced for 1 September 2016 between Korea, China, Taiwan and Hong Kong and Australia.

We are continually active in sourcing the best available rates and services for our clients.

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