



NEWS UPDATE

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Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (Halyomorpha Halys)

Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs pose a significant biosecurity risk to Australia due to their highly mobile nature. They are currently found throughout North East Asia, North America and Europe and can be identified by their shield shape and white bands on the antennae, legs and rear margins of the body. Introduction into Australia would have a devastating impact on over 300 agricultural and ornamental plants by rendering them unsellable or reducing production yields.

As a result, the Department of Agriculture (DoA) implements seasonal measures for certain goods arriving from target risk countries.

The 2019-20 season covers goods shipped from 1st September 2019 – 30th April 2020 inclusive. Throughout the season DAWR continually reviews measures based on detections of BMSB and the risk pathways.

WHICH GOODS ARE TARGETED?

Certain target high risk goods manufactured in, or shipped from target risk countries as sea cargo will require treatment for BMSB either prior to export or on arrival in Australia.

(Note: Break Bulk cargo must be treated offshore before export. LCL and FAK shipments may be treated offshore or onshore at the container level).

Certain target risk goods do not require mandatory treatment however are subject to increased surveillance and inspections and may be directed for treatment if BMSB are detected.

All imported cargo must still comply with listed standard import conditions which are advised at product assessment stage and continually reviewed in line with DoA revised conditions.



VESSELS

All roll-on roll-off (ro-ro) vessels that berth at, load or tranship in target risk countries from **1st September 2019** and arrive in Australian territory by **31st May 2020** will be required to:

- Conduct self-inspections and respond to specific questions as part of pre-arrival reporting requirements; and
- Undergo a mandatory seasonal pest inspection on arrival in Australia.

TARGET RISK COUNTRIES

The rapid expansion of BMSB throughout Europe and North America has seen the list of Target Risk Countries grow to 32, up from the 9 countries in 2018-19.

United States of America

Canada

Albania

Andorra

Armenia

Austria

Azerbaijan

Belgium

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Croatia

Czechia

France

Georgia

Germany

Greece

Hungary

Italy

Kosovo

Liechtenstein

Luxembourg

Montenegro

Netherlands

North Macedonia

Romania

Russia

Serbia

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

Switzerland

Turkey

Japan (heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied)

The Department of Agriculture will be monitoring a number of emerging risk countries throughout the season and may conduct random onshore inspections of consignments of target high risk and target risk goods to verify freedom from BMSB contamination.

SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS

The Department of Agriculture is working to develop policies to allow for certain goods and supply chains to be recognised under safeguarding arrangements.

Under the scheme, approved participants will be recognised for their ability to manage biosecurity risk offshore, including seasonal pests such as BMSB, from the point of manufacture to the point of embarkation.

A trial by invitation of select industry participants will be conducted before being opened to wider industry.

More information will follow as it becomes available.

NEW, UNUSED AND NOT FIELD TESTED (NUFT) GOODS

The Department will permit certain goods (classified under chapters 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 and 89) manufactured on or after 1st December 2019, and that can meet NUFT criteria to be exempt from BMSB measures under certain conditions.

Further information will be available in due course.

TARGET HIGH RISK GOODS

36 - Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations

44 - Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal

45 - Cork and articles of cork

57 - Carpets and other textile floor coverings

68 - Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials

69 - Ceramic products – including sub chapters I and II

70 - Glass and glass ware

72 - Iron and steel - including sub chapters I, II, III, IV

73 - Articles of iron or steel

74 - Copper and articles thereof

75 - Nickel and articles thereof

76 - Aluminium and articles thereof

78 - Lead and articles thereof

79 - Zinc and articles thereof

80 - Tin and articles thereof

81 - Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof

82 - Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal

83 - Miscellaneous articles of base metals

84 - Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof

85 - Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles

86 - Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof; mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds

87 - Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof

88 - Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof

89 - Ships, boats and floating structures

93 - Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof

TARGET RISK GOODS

25 - Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement

26 - Ores, slag and ash

27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes

28 - Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes - including sub chapters I, II, III, IV and V

29 - Organic chemicals - including sub chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and X11131 - Fertilisers

38 - Miscellaneous chemical products

39 - Plastics and articles thereof - including sub chapters I and II

40 - Rubber and articles thereof

46 - Manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork

47 - Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard

48 - Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard

49 - Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans

56 - Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof

OFFSHORE BMSB TREATMENT PROVIDERS SCHEME

The list of currently approved treatment providers for the 2019-20 season is available [here](#).

The list will be updated by the Department of Agriculture with new providers and details of any suspensions. It is recommended to regularly check the list to ensure any preferred treatment provider used is still approved.

Any questions or queries relating to the 2019-20 measures can be directed to Harders Advisory team below.

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