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Proposed 2019–20 seasonal measures for brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB)



In response to the rapid expansion of BMSB throughout Europe and North America, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has strengthened the seasonal measures to manage risk of BMSB from arriving in Australia for the 2019–20 risk season.

For the 2019–20 season, certain goods manufactured in, or shipped from target risk countries as sea cargo between **1 September 2019** and **30 April 2020** (inclusive), will be subject to BMSB requirements on arrival.

Target risk countries

The following countries have been categorised as target risk. Any target high risk or target risk goods which are manufactured in, or shipped from these countries will be subject to BMSB seasonal measures:

United States of America	Czech Republic	France
Canada	Georgia	Russia
Albania	Germany	Serbia
Andorra	Greece	Slovakia
Armenia	Hungary	Slovenia
Austria	Italy	Switzerland
Azerbaijan	Kosovo	Luxembourg
Belgium	Liechtenstein	Romania
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Macedonia	Spain
Bulgaria	Montenegro	Turkey
Croatia	Netherlands	
Japan (heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied).		

In addition, the department continues to review the changing pest status of BMSB and will also be undertaking a lower rate of random onshore inspections on goods from other countries to verify pest absence in goods.

Goods

The proposed list of goods including tariff chapters for target high risk and target risk goods is still under consideration, and there may be considerations to exclude some lower tariff classifications if applicable. A full list of the tariffs proposed for the 2019–20 season is available on the agriculture.gov.au/bmsb website.

- Target high risk goods will require mandatory treatment
- Target risk goods will not require mandatory treatment
- All target high risk and target risk goods will be subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection.

Treatment requirements

Mandatory offshore treatment

- **LCL consignments and FAK containers**
Mandatory offshore treatment of target high risk goods shipped in sealed six sided containers, as LCL (less than container load) and FAK (freight of all kinds) is being proposed under the 2019–20 season.
- **Break bulk consignments**
Mandatory offshore treatment of target high risk goods shipped as break bulk cargo including goods shipped in open top containers or on flat rack containers will continue to be required. Untreated breakbulk will be denied discharge and be directed for export on arrival.

Target high risk goods requiring mandatory offshore treatment that arrive untreated, or treated by an unapproved treatment provider in a target risk country, will be directed for export on arrival.

Mandatory offshore or onshore treatment

- **FCL consignments**
Full Container Loads (FCL) with target high risk goods shipped in sealed six hard sided containers can continue to be treated offshore or on onshore at the container level. Deconsolidation or removal of goods will not be permitted before treatment. No exemptions for deconsolidation on arrival will be considered. Consideration must be given to ensure FCL are packed in a manner that will enable effective onshore treatment where required, to avoid possible export of goods.

Treatment options

The treatment options for target high risk goods requiring mandatory treatment will not change for the 2019–20 season. The approved treatments remain heat treatment, methyl bromide fumigation and sulfuryl fluoride fumigation. For information on proposed treatment rates, visit agriculture.gov.au/bmsb.

Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme

The Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme which sets out the department's registration and compliance requirements for offshore providers will continue for the 2019–20 season. Any offshore treatment providers in target risk countries must first register and be approved by the department. For further information, visit agriculture.gov.au/bmsb-offshoretreatmentproviders.

Vessels

It is proposed that heightened surveillance on all roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) and general cargo vessels will continue to be conducted through additional pre-arrival reporting with a BMSB questionnaire and daily checks conducted by vessel masters. In addition, all ro-ro vessels that have berthed at, or carried cargo loaded in target risk countries (including Japan) will be required to undergo a mandatory Seasonal Pest (SP) inspection on arrival in Australia.

The department is working to develop policies to allow a trial by invitation, for vessel operators to have eligible vessels exempted from mandatory SP inspection for the 2019–20 season. Further information on proposed vessel inspection arrangements will be made available at agriculture.gov.au/bmsb.

Safeguarding arrangements

The department is working to develop policies to allow for certain goods and supply chains to be recognised under safeguarding arrangements for the 2019–20 season. A trial by invitation will be conducted of the safeguarding arrangements. Further information will be made available at agriculture.gov.au/bmsb.

Further information

For full details on the 2019–20 BMSB seasonal measures and for information on how to prepare for import during the BMSB season, visit agriculture.gov.au/bmsb.

Any questions relating to the policy for seasonal pests can be emailed to spp@agriculture.gov.au.

