**2020/21 STINK BUG SEASON FACT SHEET**

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**WHAT IS BMSB SEASON?**

Known as an agricultural pest, the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is able to feed on around 300 different plant species and severely damage fruit and vegetable crops.

In order to prevent its entrance into Australia, the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment has established strict measures for eligible cargo entering Australia during the season.

**WHO IS AFFECTED**

- Certain goods manufactured in, or shipped from target risk countries.
- Vessels that berth at, load or tranship from target risk countries during the season.

**NEW, UNUSED & NON FIELD TESTED**

Goods manufactured after 1st December may be exempt from BMSB treatment.

This applies to FCL and Breakbulk shipments of new and unused machinery in Chapters 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 and 89 from affected countries only. Download the NUFT Declaration [here](#) and ensure you provide this to Albini Pitigliani upon export.

**WHEN IS BMSB SEASON?**

The BMSB Season takes place from 1 September 2020 to 31 May 2021.
**GOODS AFFECTED**

All target high-risk and target risk goods from target risk countries will be subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection.

**Target high risk goods** will require mandatory treatment.  
**Target risk goods** will not require mandatory treatment, but will be subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection.  
**Exempt goods** include fresh produce (including nursery stock and plants), live animals, food for human consumption (including beverages), seeds for sowing and registered pharmaceuticals.

Check for a full list of targeted goods on the last page of this document.

For all other goods that are not categorised as high risk and target risk goods, BMSB seasonal measures do not apply. However, if these goods are part of a consignment/container that contains target high-risk and target-risk goods they will be subject to inspection.

**MEASURES REQUIRED**

- Breakbulk, flatrack and open top containers still need to be treated offshore.  
- Six-sided sealed containers can be treated onshore or offshore. We recommend to treat these containers offshore to remove the risk of overpacked and tightly packaged items needing to be unpacked for treatment on arrival (causing more costs and delays).  
- Goods requiring offshore treatment and arriving untreated will be prevented from discharge and/or directed for re-export on arrival.

**MANDATORY TREATMENT**

The Department continues to have three approved BMSB treatments:

- Sulfuryl fluoride fumigation  
- Methyl bromide fumigation (most common)  
- Heat treatment

All cargo treatments must be completed by an approved treatment provider and come with a BMSB Treatment Certificate.

Offshore treatment providers in Italy need to be registered and approved by the Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment.

You can find a list of approved treatment providers [here](#).

Speak to Albini Pitigliani to check which treatment arrangement is the most adequate or cost-effective for your cargo.

**SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS SCHEME**

The Safeguarding Arrangements Scheme provides an alternate clearance pathway for goods imported as sea cargo during the BMSB risk season. It allows eligible goods and supply chains to be recognised for their ability to manage the biosecurity risk offshore.

In the 2020-21 season, the minimum import volume reduced to consider imports of 50 twenty-foot equivalent units (TEUs). For more details on eligibility and application, [click here](#).
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, rollingstock 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 XIII
• 31 - 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