

## INFORMATIVA AI CLIENTI

Genova, 29 gennaio 2018

Oggetto: trattamento di fumigazione obbligatorio per le merci spedite via mare dall'Italia a destinazione dell'Australia e della Nuova Zelanda

Gentili Clienti,

ci riferiamo all'obbligo, introdotto dall'Australia e dalla Nuova Zelanda, che per evitare la presenza della cimice asiatica (Brown Marmorated Stink Bug - BMSB) le merci containerizzate inviate via mare dall'Italia siano state sottoposte ad adeguato trattamento di fumigazione.

Il periodo di rischio della misura in argomento si considera chiuso il 30 aprile p.v.

Si richiama all'attenzione che, qualora non eseguito alla partenza, il trattamento di fumigazione dovrà obbligatoriamente essere effettuato a destinazione.

In allegato si trasmettono le comunicazioni in merito diramate dai competenti organismi.

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## 04-2018 – Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Risk Season 2017-18 Mandatory treatment for containerised goods from Italy

16 January 2018

### Who does this notice affect?

Clients in the import and shipping industries—including importers and customs brokers—associated with importing containerised goods from Italy during the BMSB risk season (1 September 2017 to 30 April 2018 inclusive).

### What has changed?

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (the department) has found significant numbers of BMSB on arrival in Australia in various types of containerised goods arriving from Italy. These detections indicate that BMSB are sheltering in a range of containers and goods outside of those captured by existing measures.

**To manage the risk posed by these goods, all containerised goods shipped via sea cargo from Italy that arrive in Australia between 17 January 2018 and 30 April 2018 will be required to undergo an approved treatment onshore. Refer to the [BMSB webpage](#) for information about approved treatments for this pest.**

**Goods already treated offshore with one of the approved BMSB treatments, and where a valid treatment certificate is presented to the department, will not require further treatment.**

**Exceptions from treatment also apply to goods that fall within one of the excluded tariff groups:**

- Fresh produce (including nursery stock and live plants)
- Live animals
- Food for human consumption
- Seeds for sowing

All other containerised goods (FCL, FCX and LCL) arriving from Italy (including new and unused goods), including those already en route to Australia, will require treatment on arrival using methyl bromide, or another approved treatment for BMSB. These measures are in addition to existing import requirements. The department will inspect randomly selected containers post treatment to validate treatment effectiveness and to collect intelligence to determine future measures.

Due to increased risk measures, profiles have been created to refer relevant entries to AIMS. Brokers must lodge all documentation relating to the consignment into the COLS system and ensure that all documents meet the department's [documentary requirements](#).

Lodging documents in COLS:

- Use the Enquiry/Declaration function
- Select Enquiry Type Quarantine document processing
- Attach all documents relating to the consignment
- Regardless if goods are exempt, brokers must nominate a valid Approved Arrangement (AA) fumigation location, preferably with the AA registration number and name, in the Enquiry Information field.

Importers shipping consignments to Australia during the BMSB risk season should ensure their stakeholders are aware of the risk of BMSB infestation and the importance of preventing infestation prior to shipping.

When deconsolidating goods, care should be taken to inspect locations where BMSB may congregate, including crevices or protected areas of shipping containers, inside the goods, or within packaging material. If BMSB are detected, operators and staff must follow normal procedures to secure goods to limit any movement of insects and notify the department immediately.

If you see something that could have entered Australia with imported goods report it to **See. Secure. Report.** on 1800 798 636 or complete the [online form](#).

## Further information

Under the [Biosecurity Charges Imposition \(General\) Regulation 2016](#) and the [Biosecurity Regulation 2016](#), fees are payable to the department for all services. Details on how the department applies fees and levies can be found in the [charging guidelines](#).

For further information on the 2017-18 measures, please see the [Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs](#) webpage or contact [Air and Sea Cargo](#).

Any further changes to the 2017-18 measures will be published in industry advice notices and via social media. To receive notification of changes, go to the [subscription centre](#) to request an email when a new industry notice is issued, or go to the department's twitter account, [@DeptAgNews](#).

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Dear Industry

This is a further reminder about the latest CTO direction re BMSB ex Italy notification which was released by MPI last Friday, as well as provide some clarification about the management of breakbulk ex Italy.

- 1) CTO direction <https://mpigovt.nz.cwp.govt.nz/dmsdocument/26734-additional-measures-for-containers-exported-from-italy> and BMSB notification with regards to FCL / FAK containers ex Italy is attached. **Note: Offshore fumigated** containers will still be subject to MPI supervised devan, this will be reviewed in January 2018.
- 2) **Management of breakbulk** (excluding flat racks and open top containers) **ex Italy**. This mainly affects a smaller group of importers that import through Ports of Auckland.

The increased threat posed by the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) and the emergency change to the Import Health Standard: *Vehicle.all* requiring offshore treatment from Italy has necessitated the need for MPI to clarify our operational requirements for Italian breakbulk cargo in alignment with the process already in place for break bulk ex USA.

It has been brought to MPI attention that some breakbulk cargo of BMSB interest was not stopped at the point of lodgement to customs. Because of this MPI has recently reviewed and will continue to adjust tariff codes of MPI interest.

**BMSB Operational Measure effective immediately:**

Importers or Agents are strongly advised to obtain a BACC at least **48 hours prior** to vessel arrival. If a BACC is unable to be provided during the 48 hours prior to arrival MPI may deny discharge of that cargo until such time that MPI can determine compliance with *Vehicle.all* requirements.

This measure ensures any non-compliant cargo is held on board and only compliant cargo is discharged. If you have any queries about BACC applications please contact Target Evaluation Team in the first instance via email or phone or the MPI Auckland Port Office on [mqsakw@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:mqsakw@mpi.govt.nz), phone: 09 909 3007.

There has been some confusion regarding acceptable treatment timeframes and MPI has reviewed clause 4.4 in the *Vehicle.all* standard. The attached **letter provides clarification around treatment at port of export** and further information on segregation will be distributed to industry in the new year. MPI will continue to conduct BMSB surveillance and verification sampling on all cargo. Please familiarise yourself on the above, if anything is not clear please contact the relevant contacts given. If you would like to include someone else in your company to receive these types of updates please email me [Dunja.hassencamp@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Dunja.hassencamp@mpi.govt.nz)

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## CTO Direction

### Additional measures for containers exported from Italy between 23 December 2017 and 28 February 2018

CTO direction code for recording in Quantum: CTO Plants: 20170039

Pursuant to section 27(1)(d)(iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Paul Hallett, give the following directions for additional requirements to be added to the Import Health Standard for Sea Containers (SEACO). This CTO direction requires that all sea containers exported from Italy between 23 December 2017 and 28 February 2018 are treated onshore or offshore with the following treatment specifications:

- Sulfuryl fluoride fumigation at 16 g/m<sup>3</sup> for 12 hours at 10°C or greater with a 50% end point reading with a maximum post-treatment storage period of 96 hours.
  - Heat treatment at 60°C for 10 minutes for items weighing less than 3,000 kg.  
or
  - Heat treatment at 60°C for 20 minutes for items weighing more than 3,000 kg.
  - Methyl bromide fumigation at 40 g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 15-21°C)  
or
  - Methyl bromide fumigation at 48 g/m<sup>3</sup> for 24 hours at 10-15°C.  
or
  - For fresh produce only Methyl bromide fumigation at 48 g/m<sup>3</sup> for 2 hours at 10-15°C
1. This direction takes effect from 23 December 2017 and remains in effect until 28 February, unless amended or revoked.
  2. Offshore treatment must take place not more than 120 hours before shipping from the port of export. Onshore treatment must be done at the port of arrival within 48 hours.
  3. All other relevant sections of SEACO Import Health Standard must be complied with.
  4. All sea containers exported from Italy that commenced shipping before 23 December 2017 are subject to this requirement.
  5. Note that Sulfuryl fluoride is not available in NZ, and methyl bromide is not available in Italy.

#### Exclusions:

1. Shipping containers containing only treated vehicles and machinery from Italy will be exempt of this requirement as the BMSB risk is managed by VEHICLE.ALL requirements.
2. Reefer containers containing frozen goods are excluded from these treatment requirements.

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