

# Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)

Dept of Agriculture measures for SEA FREIGHT shipped between: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 and 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025



Mandatory treatment overseas is required for:

- Break Bulk Cargo
- Open Top containers
- Flat Racks

or cargo may be re-exported or destroyed, as treatment in Australia is not permitted.

**NEW**

## What's new?

- China and the Republic of Korea have been added for heightened vessel surveillance only.
- Emerging risk countries - UK and China only.
- Introduction of AusTreat for offshore treatment providers.
- Removal of the Vessel Seasonal Pest Scheme



# Importer Risks

## Delays / Additional Costs

Where possible, we recommend all target high risk goods are treated overseas by an approved treatment provider if it has been manufactured in OR shipped from OR if it's transhipped through a target risk county (eg shipped from Finland but tranships via Germany).

**NB: Treatment delays in Australia may result in additional costs for importers**, as shipping line detention charges become applicable with the detention free time being eroded regardless of the reason for the delay. Additional transport, storage and depot costs will also be incurred as cargo is left waiting for treatment or inspection etc.

## Cargo Packing

It is also very important that cargo is packed suitably for the BMSB treatment to be effective and compliant and please refer to following link for further details on this.

» [BMSB Consignment suitability](#)

Suggest you also ensure your Contract of Sale / Orders / Incoterms, specifically include Treatment certificates from an **Approved Offshore BMSB Treatment Provider**". A list of approved providers can be found on the following link:

» [List of offshore BMSB treatment providers - DAFF](#)

## Treatment Options



- heat treatment (containers need to be packed, so that heat treatment can be effective)
- sulfuryl fluoride fumigation.
- methyl bromide fumigation (not possible when temp is less than 10 degrees C. It's also banned in Europe)

## Expect treatment delays in Australia:

Biosecurity officer labour shortage / additional emerging risk countries (China & UK) adding to the expected high volume of BMSB affected cargo.

# Target high risk goods = mandatory treatment required

All tariffs under the following chapters are categorised as target high risk goods

44 Wood & articles of wood	74 Copper articles	83 Misc base metal articles
45 Cork & articles of cork 84	75 Nickel articles	84 Machinery, mechanical appliances
57 Carpets & textile floor covers	76 Aluminium articles	85 Electrical machinery & equip
68 Articles of Stone, cement, plaster etc	78 Lead articles	86 Railway equip
69 Ceramics	79 Zinc articles	87 Vehicles
70 Glass & glass ware	80 Tin articles	88 Aircraft
72 Steel, iron	81 Base metal articles, cermets	89 Ships, boats etc
73 Steel articles	82 Tools, cutlery	

United Kingdom and China, have been identified as emerging risk countries for BMSB and may be selected for a random onshore inspection.

**China** – random inspections apply to goods shipped between **1 September to 31 December (inclusive)**

**United Kingdom** – random inspections apply to goods shipped between **1 Dec to 30 April (inclusive)**

In addition to the target high risk goods, chapters 39, 94 and 95 will be subject to random inspections for emerging risk countries.

CHINA & UK (ONLY) Random inspections Ch 94 & 95	94 Seats, furniture, lamps	95 Toys, games, gym equip, fishing
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# Full list of Target Risk Countries

Albania	Georgia	Portugal
Andorra	Greece	Republic of North Macedonia
Armenia	Hungary	Romania
Austria	Italy	Russia
Azerbaijan	Japan (vessel surveillance only).	Serbia
Belgium	Kazakhstan	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Liechtenstein	Spain
Canada	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Croatia	Montenegro	Turkey
Czechia	Moldova	Ukraine
France	Netherlands	United States of America
Germany	Poland	Uzbekistan

**Refer to links for further updates from Biosecurity & your Commercial Freight & Logistics contact:**

» [Seasonal measures for Brown marmorated stink bug \(BMSB\)](#)

**Preparing to import goods during the BMSB season**

» [List of offshore BMSB treatment providers - DAFF](#)

**120 hour post treatment window**

» [BMSB Seasonal Measures](#)

**Frequently asked questions regarding common Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) import scenarios**

» [FAQ](#)