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## IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

### Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs – 2016-17 Season Update

Dear Valued Client,

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has developed the following measures to manage the seasonal risk of brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) infestations in break bulk and containerised sea cargo shipped from the United States. The measures reinstate mandatory treatment requirements prior to the shipment of goods, and include some changes to the target goods requiring treatment. The treatment conditions and season dates are the same as for the 2015-16 season and align with the most recent data.

#### Who does this notice affect?

This notice is of interest to clients in the import and shipping industries, including importers and customs brokers associated with the importation of targeted break bulk and containerised vehicles, boats, machinery and machinery parts shipped from the United States from 1 September 2016 to 30 April 2017 inclusive.

#### What has changed?

The Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has developed proposed measures to manage the 2016-17 seasonal risk of brown marmorated stink bug infestations in sea cargo shipped from the United States. The 2016-17 measures are largely the same as the 2015-16 measures, with season dates, treatments, and requirements for management of target goods unchanged.

There are some changes to the targeted goods. This is based on detections made and information gathered from surveillance conducted during the 2015-16 response. The 2016-17 target goods will:

- include **machinery parts shipped as break bulk** (not containerised)
- include **machinery** from **additional tariffs**
- exclude lower risk goods such as small all-terrain vehicles, jet skis, canoes and buoys. AQIS Commodity codes will be created to assist with the exclusions of lower risk goods.

The final 2016-17 measures will remain in place for the entire season unless pest infestations are detected. Should this occur, the department may impose emergency requirements similar to those implemented during the 2014-15 season. The department is also monitoring the risk of brown marmorated stink bugs from other parts of the world and will develop measures if required.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your Customer Service or Sales representative.

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