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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL CUSTOMERS

Finalised Measures for Imports from USA – BMSB Season

Dear Valued Client,

In consultation with industry, the Department of Agriculture (the department) finalised measures to manage the 2015-2016 seasonal risk of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug infestations in sea cargo from the United States.

This notice provides further clarification on these measures.

Breakbulk

- From **1 September 2015**, all used goods in the target tariffs shipped as break bulk must be treated for potential stink bug infestations no more than 96 hours prior to shipment on or before **30 April 2016**.
- New goods in the target tariffs manufactured and/or stored between **1 September 2015** and **1 December 2015** and shipped as break bulk on or before **30 April 2016** must undergo offshore treatment, unless subject to safeguarding arrangements approved by the department.
- New goods in the target tariffs manufactured after **1 December 2015** and shipped as break bulk on or before **30 April 2016** require a consignment specific manufacturer's new and used and not field tested (NUFT) declaration which includes the date and place of manufacture.
- Goods that arrive untreated must be treated onshore on wharf or at a QAP class 1.1 if safe to move. Treatment must occur within a 48 hour time frame at the wharf of arrival. If this cannot be arranged, the goods will not be permitted discharge but may be shipped to another port where treatment facilities are available or may be exported.

Containerised

- FCL/ FCX containerised goods in the target tariffs are subject to the same requirements as break bulk
 - For **used** goods shipped between 1 September 2015 and 30 April 2016, except that the treatment window prior to loading will not apply
 - For **new** goods manufactured and/or stored between 1 September 2015 and 1 December 2015 and shipped seals intact
 - For **new** goods manufactured after 1 December 2015.
- As with last season, LCL containerised goods will not be targeted under these measures.
- FCL/FCX containerised that arrive untreated will require mandatory treatment on shore. Containers will be permitted discharge to the wharf if the seals are intact, and moved to either a QAP class 1.1 or 1.3 (if fumigation facilities are available) for treatment.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your account representative

Yours faithfully,

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