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Import Industry Advice Notice

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Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Season 2015-2016

Who does this notice affect?

This notice is of interest to clients in the import and shipping industry, including importers and customs brokers. It concerns those involved with the importation of targeted break bulk and containerised vehicles (including boats) and machinery shipped from the United States from 1 September 2015 to 30 April 2016 inclusive.

What has changed?

The Department of Agriculture has finalised its measures for the 2015-2016 seasonal risk of brown marmorated stink bug infestations in sea cargo shipped from the United States. The main changes from the proposal outlined in Industry Advice Notice 48-2015 are:

- The target tariffs have been further revised as follows
 - tariff 8436.80.10, tree fellers and tree harvesters, has been included
 - various tariffs have been exempted (see target tariffs table below).
- The table of measures has been redrafted and corrected to state that new machinery manufactured after 1 December 2015 does not need offshore treatment if the correct documentation is provided prior to arrival.

See below for the finalised measures.

Season dates for all United States ports

The measures apply to target goods shipped from *all* ports in the United States from 1 September 2015 to 30 April 2016 inclusive. The 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 applied in the 2014-2015 season.

Target goods (see attached table)

As per last season, new and used vehicles, vessels and machinery are the target goods. However, the department has scaled back applicable tariffs (see below).

Summary of requirements (see tables below)

- From **1 September 2015** all **used** goods in the target tariffs need to be cleaned and treated for potential stink bug infestations immediately prior to shipping on or before **30 April 2016**. This applies to break bulk and FCL containerised goods.
- All **new** goods in the target tariffs manufactured and/or stored between **1 September** and **1 December 2015** and then shipped on or before **30 April 2016** as break bulk or FCL must

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undergo offshore treatment unless subject to alternative safeguarding arrangements approved by the department (see Alternative arrangements—safeguarding below).

- All new goods in the target tariffs **manufactured after 1 December 2015** and shipped as break bulk or FCLs on or before **30 April 2016** require a consignment specific manufacturer's new, unused and not field tested (NUFT) declaration which includes the date and place of manufacture.

Treatments

The treatment conditions are:

- **Sulfuryl fluoride** – at least 48g/m³ for 6 hours or longer or at least 16g/m³ for 12 hours or longer both with an end point reading of 50% or more of the initial concentration and conducted at a temperature of 10 °C or higher. Please note this temperature is 5 °C lower than the MB conditions below.
- **Methyl bromide** – at least 16g/m³ for 12 hours or longer with an end point reading of 50% or more of the initial concentration and conducted at a temperature of 15 °C or higher. Please note this temperature is 5 °C higher than the SF conditions above.
- **Heat** – 50 °C or greater for at least 20 minutes in the coldest location in the vehicle.

Treatment time before loading

- Break bulk goods treated **before 1 December** have a 96 hour treatment window.
- Break bulk goods treated **after 1 December** are unlikely to become re-infested, so are not subject to a treatment window.
- Containerised goods sealed after treatment and arriving seals intact are not subject to a treatment window.

Alternative arrangements—safeguarding

Safeguarding is a detailed pest risk management plan/system that can be implemented by manufacturers offshore in consultation with the department as an alternative to the mandatory pre-shipment treatment requirements. Safeguarding applications must be submitted to the department prior to September 2015. For information on safeguarding requirements, contact airandseacargo@agriculture.gov.au.

Charging

All charges for the department's services in documentary processing, risk assessments and inspections will be directed to the owner/importer of the goods automatically, using existing entry management processes for all imported goods. This will be revised only if a new infestation of viable stink bugs is detected on board a vessel prior to goods discharge to the wharf.

Further information

For further information, please see the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) or contact airandseacargo@agriculture.gov.au.

Target tariffs for the 2015-2016 season

Chapter	Target tariff	Description	Exemptions from target tariff
84	8429	Bulldozers, graders, road rollers, tampers etc.	-----
	8430	Other moving, grading, levelling, excavating equipment	-----
	8432	Ploughs and agricultural soil prep machinery	8432.90.00 parts
	8433	Harvesting, threshing or agricultural machinery, not food processing.	8433.11.00 mowers 8433.19.00 mowers 8433.20.00 other mowers, including cutter bars for tractor mounting 8433.53.00 root or tuber harvesting machines 8433.60.00 machines for cleaning, sorting or grading eggs, fruit, or other agricultural produce 8433.90 parts
	8436.80.10	Tree fellers, tree harvesters	-----
87	8701	Tractors, not work trucks	8701.10.00 pedestrian controlled tractors
	8702	Buses, minibuses, coaches, >= 10 passengers	-----
	8703	Motor cars and other motor vehicles, < 10 passengers	-----
	8704	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods	-----
	8705	Special purpose motor vehicles, non passenger	-----
	8707	Bodies for motor vehicles, all types	-----
	8716	Trailers and semi-trailers, other vehicles, no engine	8716.90.00 parts
89	all headings	SHIPS, BOATS AND FLOATING STRUCTURES	-----

**Mandatory requirements for goods manufactured in the United States and shipped between
1 September 2015 and 30 April 2016**

USED target goods

Mandatory pre-shipment measures	Documentary requirements	Onshore measures
<p>Pre-shipment, used target goods must undergo:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory cleaning; and • mandatory treatment for BMSB. 	<p>Both the following must be lodged prior to arrival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FID • consignment specific treatment certificate. 	<p>Standard on arrival measures apply for used target goods.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Used break bulk goods that have not been cleaned and/or treated appropriately offshore will be exported. • Noncompliant containerised goods will require treatment as available before a full unpack inspection at a QAP 1.1. NB clients can expect that this will delay release of the goods.

NEW target goods

Mandatory requirements— Goods manufactured or stored BETWEEN 1 September and 1 December	Mandatory requirements— Goods manufactured AFTER 1 December	Onshore measures
<p><u>Pre shipment measures</u></p> <p>Either</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mandatory pre- shipment treatment for BMSB; or • approved safeguarding arrangements. <p><u>Documentary requirements</u></p> <p>The following must all be lodged prior to arrival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FID • consignment specific treatment certificates • the NUFT declaration. 	<p><u>Documentary requirements only</u></p> <p>The following documents must be lodged prior to arrival:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FID • the NUFT (new Unused and not Field tested) declaration INCLUDING the date and place of manufacture prior to arrival. <p>If the date and place of manufacture are not provided then the goods will require pre-shipment treatment.</p>	<p>Standard surveillance, verification and CCV measures apply to new target cargo.</p> <p>In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation will be assessed to confirm that the goods: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ have been pre-shipment treated; or ○ have been safeguarded; or ○ were manufactured after 1 December 2015. • Break bulk goods that have not met the mandatory requirements may require mandatory treatment within 48 hours if available, or export if not available. • Containerised goods that have not met the mandatory requirements will require a full unpack inspection at a QAP 1.1 and may also require treatment when available.

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