



Notice to Industry

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Update to Notices to Industry 125/2014 and 2/2015

## **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug: emergency measures for break bulk and containerised vehicles, machinery, automotive parts and tyres.**

### **Who does this notice affect?**

This notice is of interest to clients in the import and shipping industry, including importers and customs brokers associated with the importation of break bulk and containerised vehicles, machinery, automotive parts and tyres shipped from the United States.

### **Background**

Industry notice [125-2014](#) advised of new requirements for break bulk cargo imported from the United States port of Savannah following significant interceptions of Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (*Halyomorpha halys*).

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is an exotic pest of biosecurity concern to Australia's agriculture industry. Juveniles and adults feed on and severely damage fruit and vegetable crops, and adults can enter vehicles, machinery, homes and factories in autumn months in large numbers looking for warm places to hide over winter.

Industry notice [02-2015](#) advised of new emergency measures to be introduced from 23 February 2015 for all break bulk vehicles (including boats), machinery, automotive parts, **and** containerised machinery, automotive parts, and tyres being shipped from the east coast ports of the United States. This followed increased interceptions of the pest in break bulk imports arriving in Australia and New Zealand causing major treatment difficulties and logistic issues in the management of this risk onshore in both countries. The notice included interim measures for consignments in transit from the ports of Savannah and Baltimore.

Both notices are available at [www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/import/general-info/ian](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/import/general-info/ian).

### **What has changed?**

- Pre-shipment treatment requirements are being expanded to include high risk cargo arriving in Australia from ALL remaining United States ports from 9 March 2015.

- In addition to the pre-shipment treatments outlined in 02-2015, the department will also accept methyl bromide treatment 40g/m<sup>3</sup>@16-20°C for 24 hours or 48g/m<sup>3</sup>@11-15°C for 24 hours.
- The pre-treatment timeframe for break bulk cargo has been expanded from “within 48” to “within 72” hours prior to loading.
- The pre-treatment time specifications for containerised cargo have been changed from “within 24 hours prior to being containerised” to “within 21 days prior to shipment providing containers are immediately sealed and arrive in Australia “seals intact”.

## **Emergency measures to manage this pest**

### **1. US east coast ports from 23 February 2015**

All break bulk cargo including machinery, vehicles, vessels and automotive parts, **and** containerised vehicles, machinery, automotive parts and tyres shipped from the east coast ports of United States and arriving in Australia from Monday, 23 February 2015, are required to be:

- treated prior to shipping
- accompanied by a certification of efficacy outlining the treatment completed
- subject to on-arrival inspection as determined by the department.

Mandatory treatments must be applied to:

- all break bulk vehicles (including boats), machinery, and automotive parts within 72 hours prior to loading
- containerised shipments of vehicles (including boats), machinery, automotive parts, and tyres within 21 days prior to shipment providing containers are immediately sealed and arrive in Australia “seals intact”.

Acceptable pre-shipment treatments include:

- heat (60°C/140°F) for 30 minutes in the coldest location of the cargo
- methyl bromide (32g/m<sup>3</sup>@21-25°C for 24 hours, 40g/m<sup>3</sup>@16-20°C for 24 hours or 48g/m<sup>3</sup>@11-15°C for 24 hours)
- sulfuryl fluoride (32g/m<sup>3</sup>@21-25°C for 24 hours, 40g/m<sup>3</sup>@16-20°C for 24 hours)
- other pre-shipment treatments or management arrangements approved by the department.

### **2. All remaining US ports from 9 March 2015**

Due to the widespread occurrence of this pest in the United States, all specified break bulk and containerised cargo arriving in Australia from 9 March 2015 from ALL REMAINING United States ports will be subject to the pre-shipment treatment requirements outlined above.

### **3. Interim measures for consignments in transit**

For consignments in transit from the ports of Savannah and Baltimore (without pre-shipment treatment certificates), the on-arrival measures outlined in industry notice [02-2015](#) will continue to apply.

These consignments will require assessment *in situ* on the vessel by biosecurity inspectors and will not be permitted discharge until the inspectors are confident that any residual risks posed by the stink bugs are managed. This includes transhipped and transshipping goods and any other cargo on the contaminated vessel due to the significant cross contamination risk with this pest.

Goods on contaminated vessels will only be permitted discharge if the necessary treatment facilities on wharf are available and any mandatory treatments can be implemented within 48 hours of discharge. Complex machinery that cannot be fully risk assessed on board contaminated vessels may not be permitted discharge.

Goods that are permitted to be discharged can only be landed on the wharf and must not be moved from that wharf until the biosecurity officer has released the goods from quarantine following inspection and any treatments required.

### **Duration**

The department anticipates that these emergency measures will be in place until *at least* the end of April 2015.

### **Further Information**

Further information is provided in the [Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs Frequently Asked Questions](#). If you have any other concerns or questions regarding these measures please contact [www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/about/contact/regional](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/about/contact/regional) or call the **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Hotline** on 1800 195 543.

While the department is taking every precaution to manage the risk posed by this and other pests, it relies on the cooperation of industry and the public to assist us by reporting any insect or other pest that may be of biosecurity concern.

If you see something that could be a Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, please report it to the **See, Secure, Report Hotline** on 1800 798 636.