



Notice to Industry

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Update to Notices to Industry 125-2014, 2-2015 and 3-2015

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

The Department of Agriculture initiated emergency measures on 31 December 2014 in response to large numbers of interceptions of Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (*Halyomorpha halys*) in break bulk imports arriving in Australia and New Zealand. The increased interceptions were causing major treatment difficulties and logistic issues in the management of this risk onshore in both countries.

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is an exotic pest of considerable biosecurity concern to Australia's agriculture industry as juveniles and adults feed on and severely damage fruit and vegetable crops. BMSB also poses an environmental and social amenity risk as adults can enter vehicles, machinery, homes and factories in autumn months in large numbers looking for places to shelter over winter.

- Industry notice [125-2014](#) advised of emergency measures in response to the stink bugs for break bulk cargo arriving in Australia from the United States Port of Savannah.
- Industry notice [02-2015](#) advised of new emergency measures to be introduced 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 and arriving in Australia on or after **23 February 2015**.
- Industry notice [03-2015](#) expanded the emergency measures to all break bulk vehicles (including boats), machinery, automotive parts, **and** containerised machinery, automotive parts, and tyres being shipped from the **west coast ports** of the United States and arriving in Australia on or after **9 March 2015**. The notice also extended the pre-treatment timeframes outlined in 02-2015.

These notices are available on the www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/import/general-info/ian.

What has changed?

- The pre-shipment treatment timeframe for break bulk cargo has been further expanded from “within 72 hours prior to loading” to “within 96 hours”.
- The pre-shipment treatment timeframe for containerised cargo has been expanded from “within 21 days prior to shipment” to “within 90 days” providing containers are immediately sealed after treatment and arrive in Australia seals intact.
- Responses to [frequently asked questions](#) are regularly updated to address concerns/queries in relation to the management of high risk cargo under these emergency measures.

Duration

The department anticipates that the measures will be in place until the end of April 2015.

Further Information

If you have any other concerns or questions regarding these measures please contact 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 or another pest of concern, please report it to the **See, Secure, Report Hotline** on 1800 798 636.