



Important Notice 2025–2026

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)

Dept of Agriculture measures for SEA FREIGHT
shipped between:

1st September 2025 and 30th April 2026



Mandatory treatment overseas is required for:

- Break Bulk Cargo
- Open Top containers
- Flat Racks
- Untreated cargo will be denied discharge and directed for export. Treatment in Australia is not permitted.



What's new?

- Addition of Republic of Korea and Japan to the emerging risk countries list.
- Target high risk goods arriving as airfreight from United States of America and China will be subject to random inspections.
- Addition of a NEW offshore BMSB treatment option Ethyl Formate.

Importer Risks

Delays / Additional Costs

Where possible, we recommend all target high risk goods are treated overseas by an approved treatment provider if it has been manufactured in OR shipped from OR if it's transhipped through a target risk county (eg shipped from Finland but tranships via Germany).

NB: Treatment delays in Australia may result in additional costs for importers, as shipping line detention charges become applicable with the detention free time being eroded regardless of the reason for the delay. Additional transport, storage and depot costs will also be incurred as cargo is left waiting for treatment or inspection etc.

Cargo Packing

It is also very important that cargo is packed suitably for the BMSB treatment to be effective and compliant and please refer to following link for further details on this.

» [BMSB Consignment suitability](#)

Suggest you also ensure your Contract of Sale / Orders / Incoterms, specifically include Treatment certificates from an “**Approved Offshore BMSB Treatment Provider**”. A list of approved providers can be found on the following link:

» [List of offshore BMSB treatment providers - DAFF](#)

Treatment Options

- heat treatment (containers need to be packed, so that heat treatment can be effective)
- sulfuryl fluoride fumigation.
- methyl bromide fumigation (not possible when temp is less than 10 degrees C. It's also banned in Europe)
- Ethyl Formate (Offshore only)

Expect treatment delays in Australia:

Biosecurity officer labour shortage / additional emerging risk countries (Republic of Korea and Japan) adding to the expected high volume of BMSB affected cargo.

Target high risk goods = mandatory treatment required

All tariffs under the following chapters are categorised as target high risk goods

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| 44 Wood & articles of wood | 74 Copper articles | 83 Misc base metal articles |
| 45 Cork & articles of cork 84 | 75 Nickel articles | 84 Machinery, mechanical appliances |
| 57 Carpets & textile floor covers | 76 Aluminium articles | 85 Electrical machinery & equip |
| 68 Articles of Stone, cement, plaster etc | 78 Lead articles | 86 Railway equip |
| 69 Ceramics | 79 Zinc articles | 87 Vehicles |
| 70 Glass & glass ware | 80 Tin articles | 88 Aircraft |
| 72 Steel, iron | 81 Base metal articles, cermets | 89 Ships, boats etc |
| 73 Steel articles | 82 Tools, cutlery | |

United Kingdom, China, Japan, and Republic of Korea have been identified as emerging risk countries for BMSB and may be selected for a random onshore inspection.

Random inspections will apply to goods shipped from United Kingdom, China, Japan and Republic of Korea between 1st September to 30th April (inclusive).

In addition to the target high risk goods, chapters 39, 94 and 95 will be subject to random inspections for emerging risk countries.

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| 39 Plastic articles | 94 Seats, furniture, lamps | 95 Toys, games, gym equip, fishing |
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Full list of Target Risk Countries

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| Albania | Georgia | Republic of North Macedonia |
| Andorra | Greece | Republic of Korea (vessel surveillance only) |
| Armenia | Hungary | Romania |
| Austria | Italy | Russia |
| Azerbaijan | Japan (vessel surveillance only) | Serbia |
| Belgium | Kazakhstan | Slovakia |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | Kosovo | Slovenia |
| Bulgaria | Liechtenstein | Spain |
| Canada | Luxembourg | Switzerland |
| China (vessel surveillance only) | Montenegro | Turkey |
| Croatia | Moldova | Ukraine |
| Czechia | Netherlands | United States of America |
| France | Poland | Uzbekistan |
| Germany | Portugal | |



Refer to links for further updates from Biosecurity & your Commercial Freight & Logistics contact:

» [Seasonal measures for Brown marmorated stink bug \(BMSB\)](#)

Preparing to import goods during the BMSB season

» [List of offshore BMSB treatment providers - DAFF](#)

120 hour post treatment window

» [BMSB Seasonal Measures](#)