



Important Notice 2026–2027

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)

Dept of Agriculture measures for SEA FREIGHT
shipped between:

1st September 2026 and 30th April 2027



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.

NEW

What's new?

- Addition of a NEW onshore BMSB treatment option Ethyl Formate.
- Removal of the Rolled Goods Policy.
- Removal of the Safeguarding Scheme

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.

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

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.

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

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](#)