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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMPORTERS:

BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG: SEASONAL IMPORT MEASURES

The Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) has announced a forecasted introduction to seasonal import measures to manage the risk of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) during the upcoming high risk season. These seasonal measures will apply for goods shipped on or between the dates of:

1st September 2018 to 30th April 2019.

These measures will include mandatory treatment and increased intervention before arrival into Australian territory. The proposed seasonal measures apply to certain goods shipped as sea cargo from target risk countries

Draft measures include:

- heightened surveillance on all roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) and general cargo vessels with pre-arrival reporting through a questionnaire and daily checks for BMSB
- heightened surveillance to identify high risk vessels to be directed for inspection or treatment
- mandatory offshore treatment for target high risk goods
- increased onshore intervention for target risk goods
- **Export or destruction of target high risk goods requiring mandatory offshore treatment and arriving untreated, unless exceptional circumstances are granted.**

Treatment Options: Heat treatment, Methyl bromide fumigation, Sulfuryl fluoride fumigation.

Draft high risk origin countries include:

- USA
- Italy
- Russia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Japan (*heightened vessel surveillance only*).
- Germany
- France
- Romania
- Georgia

Target high risk goods

- break bulk, including vehicles, machinery, equipment and parts
- bricks, tiles, ceramics, steel, stone and cement
- Goods likely to be stored in a manner that provides access for BMSB to overwinter.

Target risk goods

- Chemicals, chemical products, salt, minerals, fertilizers
- Plastics, wadding, tyres, Wood pulp, printed matter, straw, paper, cardboard.

The DAWR will publish details of requirements in late July 2018 and we will keep you completely updated as all the information and measures are announced and confirmed.

For further information please see:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>

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