

2022/23 STINK BUG SEASON

FACT SHEET



WHAT IS A BMSB?

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is an agricultural pest able to feed on around 300 different plant species and severely damage fruit and vegetable crops.

In order to prevent its entrance into Australia, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has established strict measures for eligible cargo entering Australia during the season.

Failure to comply can result in having your cargo reexported or even destroyed.



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

For the 2022-23 BMSB risk season, mandatory measures will apply to targeted goods manufactured and shipped from target risk countries, that are shipped between **1 September 2022 until 30 April 2023** (inclusive), and to vessels that berth, load, or tranship from target risk countries within the same period.

This means if your vessel leaves on August 31st, stink bug measures will not apply, however, should your vessel be delayed, stink bug requirements may be enforced. Due to industry delays, ICE recommends you consider fumigating your cargo from August.





WHO IS AFFECTED

- Certain goods manufactured in, or shipped from target risk countries (below) as ocean freight.
- Vessels that berth at, load or tranship from target risk countries during the season.

China and the **United Kingdom** have been identified as **emerging risk countries** for the 2022–23 BMSB risk season, as such:

- China – random inspections will apply for goods shipped between 1 September to 31 December (inclusive).
- United Kingdom – random inspections will apply to goods shipped between 1 December – 30 April (inclusive).
- In addition to the target risk goods, chapters 39, 94 and 95 will be subject to random inspections for China & the UK.



TARGET RISK COUNTRIES 2022/23

*Heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied.

No new countries were added this season.

Albania
Andorra
Armenia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Canada
Croatia
Czechia
France
Georgia

Germany
Greece
Hungary
Italy
Japan*
Kazakhstan
Kosovo
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
Moldova
Montenegro
Netherlands

North Macedonia
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Switzerland
Turkey
Ukraine
USA

GOODS AFFECTED

All target high-risk and target risk goods (page 4) from target risk countries will be subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection.

Target high risk goods will require mandatory treatment.

Target risk goods will not require mandatory treatment, but will be subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection.

For all other goods not categorised as high risk and target risk goods, BMSB seasonal measures do not apply. However, these goods may still be subject to these measures if they are part of a container/consignment that does contain any high/risk goods.



Your good **may be exempt** from the seasonal measures if you ship:

- Certain goods packed and sealed before 1 September 2022, with a sealing declaration as evidence.
- Certain goods stored or transported to non-target risk countries before 1 September 2022.
- New, Unused and not Field Tested (NUFT) goods, manufactured on/after 1 December 2022.



TREATMENT INFORMATION

MANDATORY TREATMENT

The Department continues to have three approved BMSB cargo treatments:

1. Sulfuryl fluoride fumigation
2. Methyl bromide fumigation (most common)
3. Heat treatment

You can view these treatment options [here](#). All cargo treatments must be completed by an approved treatment provider and come with a BMSB Treatment Certificate.

MEASURES REQUIRED

Breakbulk, flatrack and open top containers must be treated offshore.

Six-sided sealed containers can be treated onshore or offshore. Offshore is recommended to remove the risk of overpacked and tightly packaged items needing to be unpacked for treatment on arrival, causing more costs and delays).

SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS SCHEME

Importers able to demonstrate that their manufacturing supply chain can effectively prevent their goods from being contaminated with BMSB may be exempt from mandatory treatment on arrival. Details on eligibility and application [here](#).

120 HOUR WINDOW

The 120-hour policy is in place for goods shipped from 1 September to 30 November inclusive. Containers must be sealed within 120 hours of treatment.

Break bulk, Flat rack and open top containers must be loaded on board within 120 hours of treatment and goods transhipping through a risk country must have departed within 120 hours.

With the amendment, if break bulk, flat rack or open top containers are delayed and shipped outside the 120-hour window (but less than 48 hours over), and evidence can be provided, the in-transit policy may be enacted (upon approval from the Department).

*The 120 hours does not apply to goods treated after 1 December.



TARGET HIGH-RISK GOODS

- 44 – Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal
- 45 – Cork and articles of cork
- 57 – Carpets and other textile floor coverings
- 68 – Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials
- 69 – Ceramic products – including sub chapters I and II
- 70 – Glass and glass ware
- 72 – Iron and steel – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV
- 73 – Articles of iron or steel
- 74 – Copper and articles thereof
- 75 – Nickel and articles thereof
- 76 – Aluminium and articles thereof
- 78 – Lead and articles thereof
- 79 – Zinc and articles thereof
- 80 – Tin and articles thereof
- 81 – Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof
- 82 – Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal
- 82 – Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal
- 83 – Miscellaneous articles of base metals
- 84 – Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof
- 85 – Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles
- 86 – Railway or tramway locomotives, rollingstock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof; mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds
- 87 – Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof
- 88 – Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof
- 89 – Ships, boats and floating structures

TARGET RISK GOODS

- 27 – Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes
- 28 – Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV and V
- 29 – Organic chemicals – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIII
- 38 – Miscellaneous chemical products
- 39 – Plastics and articles thereof – including sub chapters I and II
- 40 – Rubber and articles thereof
- 48 – Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard
- 49 – Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans
- 56 – Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof
- 94 – chairs, medical, surgical furniture, household and office furniture, mattresses and bedding and furnishings, lighting and prefabricated building (**applicable to China & UK only**)
- 95 – toys, games, game consoles, parlour games, festive articles, sports and exercise equipment, fishing equipment and travelling circus and amusement equipment (**applicable to China & UK only**)



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