



May 31, 2021

Conclusion of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Risk Season

Dear Valued Customer,

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the Department) have confirmed the official conclusion of the 2020-21 BMSB Season. The advice can be found [here](#).

From June 1, 2021, all BMSB measures for imported cargo will cease.

Shipments departing from target risk countries post May 1, 2021, will not be subject to BMSB seasonal measures including the seasonal pest inspection on arrival. Shipments arriving into Australia from June 1 will not be subjected to BMSB scrutiny. Master consolidator declarations are still required to be lodged until June 1, 2021. If your import is due to arrive on or after this date, a “Nil Risk” declaration should be made.

You are however reminded to keep vigilant regarding all goods you are importing, ensure they are free of all biosecurity risk material and pests throughout the year, not only at the peak of the risk season.

Automatic Entry Processing for Commodities (AEPCOMM)

You can continue to utilise AEPCOMM for clearance of goods which shipped prior to May 1, 2021, that are yet to arrive at an Australian port, and which will still subject to BMSB seasonal measures.

2020-21 BMSB season in review

The number of BMSB detections over the past two seasons are summarised as follows:

		19/20 Season to 14/5/2020	20/21 Season to 13/5/2021
	Status	No. Detections	
Biosecurity Intervention Point	Alive	25	17
	Dead	179	178
Post Biosecurity	Alive	4	14
	Dead	14	13
Total number of detections		222	222

There was a decrease in the number of live detections at biosecurity entry points which shows that the biosecurity policy continues to be successful. However, the post border increases are of great concern – mainly from supply chains not currently under border scrutiny. Live BMSB were found in both mail and air cargo.

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Most common concerns:

- Offshore - untreated break bulk, flat racks or open top containers - target high risk goods shipped to Australia without being treated offshore or exceeding the 120 hour post treatment window
- Onshore treatments - containers were packed in such a way as to not allow for treatment to be conducted inside the container effectively resulting in goods being directed to a Class 4.7 Approved Arrangements for further intervention
- Mixing of small volumes of untreated target high risk goods with goods not subject to treatment resulting in whole consignments requiring treatment or containers being exported.

The Department recommends that consignments are treated offshore to avoid delays.

Summary of 2020-21 BMSB risk season measures

The 2020-21 BMSB risk season has so far seen over 100,000 containers subject to measures, including 11,963 LCL/FAK containers.

Approximately 38% of FCX/FCL containers and 82% of LCL containers subject to BMSB measures were treated offshore and experienced faster border clearance with no onshore intervention required.

Offshore Treatment Providers Scheme

- The offshore BMSB treatment providers scheme, registered 234 approved offshore treatment providers across 25 countries throughout the 2020-21 BMSB season.
- Five offshore treatment providers were suspended, one offshore treatment provider was reinstated and two were withdrawn from the scheme during the course of the 2020-21 BMSB season.

2021-22 Proposed Seasonal Measures

The Department are planning and working on measures for the 2021-22 BMSB season. Updates will be published via an [Industry Advice Notice](#) and notified on the [BMSB Webpage](#).

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,
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