Industry Information Session for 2020-21 BMSB Season

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Seasonal measures

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Why BMSB?

A major agricultural pest

- Potential to severely impact Australian and New Zealand agricultural industries
- BMSB is known to feed on around 300 different plant species
- Juveniles and adults feeds on, and severely damage fruit and vegetable crops
- Australia’s and New Zealand’s environment and climate is suitable to support the entry and establishment of BMSB
Why BMSB?

Initial seasonal measures

• Measures to manage BMSB risk were first introduced in December 2014.

• Seasonal measures included mandatory treatment for target high risk goods from a small number of countries and increased surveillance of vessels from risk pathways

• Seasonal measures expanded in 2018-19 to include the offshore BMSB treatment providers scheme

• Seasonal measures have continued to evolve and expand in response to changing and expanding BMSB risk
2019-20 BMSB risk season - Review

Summary of intervention (Australia)

• Over 150,000 containers were subject to BMSB measures
• 43% were treated offshore and required no BMSB related intervention on arrival
• AEPCOMM lodgements for the 2019-20 BMSB season saw a 17% increase compared to the 2018-19 BMSB season; from 11,164 lodgements to 17,443.
• Broker compliance levels also remained high at 99.15%

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NB. Detection figures are not total insect numbers, ie 1 detection may have consisted of multiple actual insects.
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Summary of Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme

- The scheme consists of the following treatment assurance measures:
  - Mandatory treatment methodologies
  - Treatment provider registration and the approved offshore BMSB treatment provider list
  - Compliance verification activities
  - Processes to prevent fraudulent treatment certificates
- There were over 210 approved offshore treatment providers across 27 countries
- Over 75,000 offshore treatment certificates were lodged for Australian bound goods
2019-20 BMSB risk season - Review

Summary of Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme

- Offshore treatment provider verification, included:
  - The assessment of treatment certificates from 100% of active treatment providers
  - The assessment of records of treatment from 87% of active treatment providers
  - Onsite audits of 63 registered treatment providers
- Treatment providers receive feedback and corrective action requests where necessary
- Six treatment providers were suspended due to the identification of critical non-compliance
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2020-21 BMSB Seasonal Measures

• Measures apply to goods shipped from 1 September 2020 and arrive in Australian territory by 31 May 2021 as sea cargo

• Target high risk and target risk goods remain unchanged from last season

• Target risk countries have been expanded to include Kazakhstan, Portugal, Moldova, Ukraine

• Any target high risk or target risk goods manufactured in, or shipped from these target risk countries are subject to the BMSB seasonal measures

• Any vessel that berths at, loads or transships goods from these countries are also subject to heightened vessel surveillance
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Measures relating to goods

• All target high risk goods require mandatory treatment
• Target high risk goods shipped as break bulk including open top or flat rack containers require mandatory offshore treatment
• Goods subject to mandatory offshore treatment arriving untreated are prevented from discharge and/or directed for export on arrival
• Consignments treated offshore need to be exported/sealed-in-containers within 120hrs
• All target high risk and target risk goods will be subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection
• Non target goods are not subject to BMSB measures, unless they are mixed with target high risk and target risk goods
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Measures relating to LCL/FAK

- BMSB risk is managed at the container level for LCL/FAK containers
- LCL/FAK containers will be managed through declarations made by Master Consolidators about the BMSB risk status of the container
- Master Consolidators must lodge BMSB declarations at least 5 business days prior to arrival
- There are 5 declaration types available:
  - Treated Offshore (entire container treated)
  - Partially Treated Offshore (all high risk goods treated)
  - Treatment Onshore
  - Nil BMSB Risk
  - Unknown BMSB Risk
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**Measures relating to vessels**

- Heightened vessel surveillance for all roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) vessels will be applied through pre-arrival reporting
- Vessel operators will be required to conduct self-inspections and report any detections of BMSB and other exotic insects
- All ro-ro vessels that berth at, load or tranship from the target risk countries, will be required to undergo a mandatory seasonal pest inspection on arrival in Australia
- Vessels approved under the Vessel Seasonal Pest Scheme may be exempt from the mandatory seasonal pest inspection
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New, Unused and not Field Tested (NUFT) goods

- Certain goods that can meet all the BMSB NUFT criteria will not be subject to BMSB measures on arrival, which includes:
  - goods manufactured on or after 1 December 2020 (A good is only considered to be manufactured on or after 1 December 2020 if all its large, complex components have also been manufactured after 1 December 2020)
  - goods classed as new machinery, vehicles, vessels/new complex parts and equipment, and are classified under the following tariff chapters only: 82, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88 and 89
  - evidence is provided in the form of a BMSB manufacturers NUFT declaration that the goods are manufactured on or after 1 December 2020

- If evidence is not provided, the goods may be directed for export or onshore treatment (if permitted)

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120 hours requirements

• For goods treated in a target risk country and shipped from a target risk country, a post treatment window of 120 hours applies.

• For break bulk (including in open top or on flat rack containers), goods must be loaded onto a vessel for export to Australia within 120 hours after treatment has been carried out.

• For containerised goods, containers need to be closed as soon as possible after treatment. Sealing the container must occur within 120 hours after treatment has been completed. A sealing declaration may be completed to support this activity.

  • where sealing verification is not provided the consignment shipped on board details will be used to verify the 120 hours requirement has been met.

• The 120 hours window also applies to goods transhipping/transiting via a target risk country.

• The 120 hour post treatment window only applies to goods treated before 1 December 2020.

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Safeguarding arrangements

- The Safeguarding Arrangements Scheme will continue for the 2020-21 risk season as an alternative clearance pathway for goods
- The scheme recognises an applicant’s ability to manage seasonal hitchhiker pest risk, from the point of manufacture to the point of embarkation to Australia in line with eligibility criteria
- Under the scheme, mandatory treatment for BMSB risk is not required for approved goods (by tariff code) from approved offshore supply chains (by Supplier ID)
- For the 2020-21 risk season, the minimum import volume requirements for the scheme now include 25 x forty-foot equivalent unit containers (FEUs)
- Applicants must provide documentary evidence that outlines how seasonal hitchhiker pest risk is being mitigated across their offshore supply chain(s)
Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme

- The Scheme continues in the 2020-21 season
- All treatment providers in target risk countries that intend to conduct BMSB treatments must register on the scheme
- Treatment providers in non-target risk countries that intend to conduct BMSB treatments are encouraged to register on the scheme
- Treatment providers registered in 2019-20 need to re-register
- All applicants must demonstrate their ability to meet all requirements of the scheme and the treatment types they wish to conduct
- The department and NZ MPI have aligned application and registration processes
- Registration allows BMSB treatments to be conducted for both Australia and New Zealand
Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme cont......

• Approved treatment providers will be listed on Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers scheme webpage

• Importers/Exporters use this list to check for most up-to-date details of offshore treatment providers registered onto the scheme

• Intervention and sanctions will continue to be applied against potential and confirmed non-compliant treatment providers, including:
  • increased on-arrival inspections
  • suspension of treatment providers

• When treatment providers are suspended, both countries enact the in-transit policy, where no certification issued by a suspended treatment provider is accepted, regardless of date of issue
Consignment suitability

Factsheet

• A consignment suitability fact sheet is available on the department’s website that assists treatment providers and exporters ensure goods are presented in a way that allows for effective BMSB treatment

• Key points from the fact sheet include:
  • Providing adequate free air space to allow for fumigant or heat to access all areas of the goods being treated and for temperature sensors or monitoring tubes to be correctly placed within the treatment enclosure
  • Defining commercial and shipping packing and the requirements for each
  • Effective assessment of consignment suitability
  • Guidance factsheets can be found at: https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs/offshore-bmsb-treatment-providers-scheme/treatment-guidance
BMSB Onshore treatment

- Three approved arrangement (AA) classes support onshore treatment to manage BMSB: 12.1 - Methyl Bromide fumigation, 12.2 - Sulfuryl Fluoride fumigation and 12.3 - Heat treatment.

- BIPs operating under a class 12 AA must prepare and treat the goods in accordance with the relevant treatment methodology and AA class condition.

- Options where treatment cannot be performed at the container level, due to over packing or presence of impervious packaging are export or secure unpack at a class 4.7 AA site.

- Class 4.7 authorises container unpack within a secure environment for the purpose of rectifying issues that prevented treatment at the container level to enable effective treatment of the goods.

- Current approved 4.7AA sites:
  - NSW – 8
  - Vic - 3
  - Qld – 4
  - SA - 4
  - WA – 1

- To reduce delays at the border, additional costs, the department recommends that industry treat offshore or pack containers to allow effective treatment.
Automatic Entry Processing for Commodities (AEPCOMM)

• AEPCOMM remains the most efficient and cost-effective way to clear goods subject to BMSB seasonal measures.

• It is important to remember when assessing goods subject to BMSB seasonal measures and using AEPCOMM:
  • AEI’s are entered for all offshore treatments - including the SFTREATED code; and
  • standard biosecurity concerns as well as BMSB measures must be taken into account. This is achieved by first referring to the standard commodity BICON case followed by the BMSB hitchhiker pests’ case via your AEPCOMM BICON multi user account.
Automatic Entry Processing for Commodities (AEPCOMM) cont......

• All in-scope AEPCOMM pathways available during 2019-20 BMSB season will remain unchanged for the 2020-21 season.

• The following resources are now also available on the AEP reform and CBC activities webpages to assist brokers with the assessment and clearance of goods subject to BMSB seasonal measures:
  • Video tutorial - BMSB
  • Task card: Using AEPCOMM during the BMSB season
  • BMSB assessment scenarios

• The AEP support team are currently investigating if any further improvements or pathways can be expanded for the 2020-21 season, and will advise industry when more information becomes available.
Key Messages

• BMSB season remains unchanged for the 2020-21 BMSB season
• Four new countries added to the target high risk country list:
  • Kazakhstan, Portugal, Moldova, Ukraine
• All onshore treatment will be at the container level. Deconsolidation or removal of goods is not permitted prior to treatment.
• Ensure all break bulk, open tops and flat racks are treated prior to export to Australia
• To prevent any onshore delays, treat offshore where possible or pack containers as per the suggestions of the consignment suitability fact sheet
• Goods treated by registered offshore treatment providers receive reduced intervention on arrival in Australia
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