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## The process for goods arriving during the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug season

For the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) risk season, seasonal measures will apply to targeted goods manufactured in and/or shipped from target risk countries between 1 September and 30 April (inclusive).

Industry is strongly encouraged to have their target high risk goods treated offshore by an [Offshore BMSB approved treatment provider](#), to avoid clearance delays.

### Managing goods on arrival

#### Break bulk goods

Mandatory offshore treatment of target high risk goods shipped as break bulk cargo is required. This includes goods shipped in open top containers or on flat rack containers or modified containers that are no longer sealed. Untreated cargo of this type will be directed for export. Where these goods are identified before a vessel's arrival in Australian territory, they will be denied discharge from the vessel.

#### Containerised goods

Onshore treatment of target high risk goods shipped in sealed hard six-sided containers is permitted. Deconsolidation or removal of goods before treatment is not permitted.

Untreated target high risk goods shipped as containerised cargo will be directed for export if the container cannot be treated at the container level, or if the importer has chosen to export the goods.

### Onshore treatment providers

Onshore treatment of target high risk goods is permitted for goods shipped in sealed hard six-sided containers. Treatment must be conducted at the container level. Deconsolidation or removal of goods will not be permitted before treatment.

Break bulk cargo and cargo shipped in open top or as flat rack containers, cannot be treated onshore.

Visit the department's [agriculture.gov.au/approvedarrangements](http://agriculture.gov.au/approvedarrangements) webpage for a list of approved onshore treatment providers operating under an Approved Arrangement for onshore treatments that may be performed.

### Onshore verification inspections during the BMSB season

All target high risk and target risk goods may be subject to random verification inspections and will be directed for onshore treatment if BMSB is detected.

Where goods are shipped as break bulk, random inspections are required to be conducted at a Class 21.1 Approved Arrangement (AA) or Class 1.1 AA (where permitted). For goods shipped in flat rack and open top containers, inspections will be conducted at Class 1.1 and Class 1.3 AA.

Containerised goods will be directed for an Inspect (unpack) inspection at an AA site.



All random onshore verification inspections are required to be completed in a metropolitan AA site.

## Using AEPCOMM for goods subject to the BMSB seasonal measures

To assist industry in lodging declarations the BMSB hitchhiker pests BICON case has been updated to include Automatic Entry Process for Commodities (AEPCOMM) pathways and codes. Accredited persons must log into their BICON AEPCOMM user access accounts before entering the case name into the BICON search field. Details on AEPCOMM approved commodities and requirements can be found [here](#).

## Booking or changing an inspection or advising information about your goods

Use the Request for Inspection form (RFI) to book inspections and provide additional information about the goods to the department.

Visit the department's [agriculture.gov.au/booking](http://agriculture.gov.au/booking) webpage to find the Request for Inspection Form.

Phone **1800 900 090** to arrange an inspection at a non-AA site.

Visit the department's [agriculture.gov.au/cols](http://agriculture.gov.au/cols) webpage to find the Cargo Online Lodgement System.

## See. Secure. Report.

Seen something unusual? Report it, even if you are not sure.

Pests and diseases can spread quickly over large distances, so it is essential that you report what you find as soon as possible.

If you see something that could have entered Australia with imported goods, secure the goods and report it by phoning **1800 798 636** or completing the online form available on [agriculture.gov.au/report](http://agriculture.gov.au/report).

## More information

Visit [agriculture.gov.au/bmsb](http://agriculture.gov.au/bmsb) for:

- seasonal measures for BMSB
- preparing to import BMSB goods
- what happens to your goods on arrival?
- a list of target risk countries for BMSB
- a complete list of goods categorised as 'target high risk' and 'target risk'.

Watch the Hitchhiker pest webinar series available at [agriculture.gov.au](http://agriculture.gov.au).

Email [SPP@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:SPP@agriculture.gov.au) for policy related queries.

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