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Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Season 2023/2024
Your shipments to Australia and New Zealand

Dear Customer,

The Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) have published the regulations for the coming season to ensure that the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is not brought into those countries as an invasive species.

The New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) will announce the final update around mid-august, however no major changes to the regulations are expected. The below list shows all countries affected by the regulations and requirements:

Targeted Risk Countries:			
Albania	Andorra	Armenia	Austria
Azerbaijan	Belgium	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Bulgaria
Canada	Croatia	Czech Republic	France
Georgia	Germany	Greece	Hungary
Italy	Kazakhstan	Kosovo	Liechtenstein
Luxembourg	Montenegro	Moldova	Netherlands
North Macedonia	Poland	Portugal	Romania
Russia	Serbia	Slovakia	Slovenia
Spain	Switzerland	Turkey	Ukraine
Uzbekistan	United States of America	Japan*	China**
UK**			

*Heightened vessel surveillance only

**Random cargo surveillance only (emerging high-risk countries)

The BMSB season will run from September 1st, 2023 (departure date) until and inclusive:

- Arrival after April 30th, 2024, in New Zealand and Papeete.
- Departure first port of load after April 30th, 2023, in Australia, and Noumea. Bill of lading on board date to be used.
- To mitigate the risk, cargo to Reunion will have to be transported by AFEX without treatment prior to shipment until further notice.
- Consequently, the following measures will come into effect as from this shipping date and will be looked at holistically on voyage level during the whole season. It will be applied for all Goods to Australia, New Zealand, New Caledonia, and French Polynesia.

Target High Risk Goods

Goods that fall within the following tariff classifications have been categorised as target high risk goods and will require mandatory treatment for BMSB risk:

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

Additional Measures

Based on our experience from previous seasons Sea Shipping Line will have additional requirements, listed below, that go above and beyond the requirements by DAFF and MPI. We do this to reduce the risk for BMSB related issues, delays, and additional cost for customers in the coming season.

- All cargo shipped to the Pacific Islands (French Polynesia & New Caledonia) will require treatment to DAFF regulation.
- Until further notice, we will not require the obligatory BMSB treatment of cargo to Reunion.
- South Africa: Treatment required for used cargo and new cargo produced in Italy, Hungary, Romania, and Turkey.
- NUFT certificates will be accepted for Australian, Reunion, Papeete and Noumea cargo with start of production date on or after December 1st, 2023, and must have a manufacture start date as per DAFF requirements.
- NUFT certificates will not be accepted for cargo originating from Italy, Hungary, Romania, and Turkey.
- New Zealand does not accept NUFT Declarations and treatment is mandatory during the entire BMSB season.
- For Safeguarding Agreements/Approved Pathways, we request shippers to consult Sea Shipping Line so as we may evaluate the exemption prior to acceptance of cargo.
- Used cargo shipped from all targeted risk countries is required to be treated during the BMSB season when shipped on vessels trading in the Oceania service This includes cargo from US to South America, Europe to North and South America, and from Europe to South Africa/Reunion etc.
- Used recreational vehicles (caravans, mobile homes, camper vans, horse floats etc.) loaded on Oceania bound vessels will require year-round treatment regardless of origin and destination (incl. cargo to RSA, Reunion, Australia, New Zealand, Pacific Islands).
- Cargo from target risk countries with final destinations in Asia, loaded on Oceania vessels, will require treatment to DAFF regulation.

Shippers' Responsibility

We remind cargo owners/shippers of their responsibility in ensuring cargo is treated to DAFF and MPI requirements prior to delivery to ports of loading within target risk countries. Sea Shipping Line will not accept cargo for loading that is not accompanied by a treatment certificate from a DAFF or MPI approved provider, ensuring that treatment has been completed within the required treatment window. Treatment of cargo during the BMSB season does not absolve cargo owners/shippers of their responsibility in ensuring cargo is always presented free of contaminants prior to loading. We consequently encourage you to consider making a risk assessment for your supply chain/transport from factory to the Port of Load.

For further information on BMSB seasonal requirements, please visit the DAFF and MPI websites:

www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs

www.biosecurity.govt.nz/importing/vehicles-and-machinery/requirement-documents-for-importing-vehicles-machinery-or-parts/brown-marmorated-stink-bug-requirements/

We will keep you informed about further developments.

Please do not hesitate to contact us in case of questions.