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Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs Update on Mandatory treatment for containerised goods from Italy

Further to [Import Industry Advice Notice 04-2018 \(NNF 2018/008\)](#) we have been in contact with the Compliance Controls Branch at the Department of Agriculture & Water Resources and received advice regarding the following questions and scenarios raised by members.

- The department has assessed the related biosecurity risk, and as a result is not able to delay these measures for a later time.
- These measures have been put in place in response to the existing risk of BMSB importation in a variety of cargo from Italy, and these have been implemented as an emergency response to prevent incursion of BMSB and potential damage to Australia's \$9.4 billion horticultural industry.
- All containerised goods shipped via sea cargo from Italy that arrive in Australia between 17 January 2018 and 30 April 2018 will be required to undergo an approved treatment onshore.
- Goods already treated offshore with one of the [approved BMSB treatments](#), and where a valid treatment certificate is presented to the department, **will not require further treatment.**
- The measures apply to all target goods originating in Italy during BMSB season. This includes goods that may subsequently be loaded/transhipped to Australia through other countries in Europe for goods originating in Italy.
- Due to increased risk measures, profiles have been created to refer relevant entries to AIMS on 17 January 2018.
- Any shipments cleared prior to the new profiling will not be subject to further entry processing. The department is not actively reviewing releases that have been issued prior to 17 January 2018.
- Exceptions from treatment also apply to goods that fall within one of the excluded tariff groups: *Fresh produce, including nursery stock and live plants, live animals, food for human consumption and seeds for sowing.*
- *All other containerised goods (FCL, FCX and LCL) arriving from Italy (including new and unused goods), including those already on route to Australia, will require treatment on arrival using methyl bromide, or another approved treatment for BMSB.*

For further information on the 2017-18 measures, please see the [Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs webpage](#) or contact Air and Sea Cargo.”

If you have any further queries, please contact us on 1300 786 468 alternatively, you can email us at sales@stockwells.com.au

New Regulations for Hazardous Goods to Shanghai

Please note that we have been advised by Chinese Quarantine Authorities that any hazardous goods to Shanghai now require the Shipper to put Chinese hazardous labels on their freight as well as standard hazardous labels.

If they don't have this upon arrival, the DG goods will be held and a surcharge will be applied to the Consignee's account.

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Illegal Logging Update

As referenced in Import Industry Advice Notice [95-2017 - Reforms to Australia's illegal logging laws](#), with the conclusion of the Regulation Impact Statement process, and announcement of the reforms, the department will also end the existing '*soft-start*' compliance period.

From 1 January 2018, businesses and individuals may face penalties for breaches of the Regulation's due diligence requirements. Failing to comply with due diligence requirements may attract a penalty of up to 300 penalty units (\$63,000).

We have communicated in the past the following illegal logging information however these useful links are provided to you again for your reference.

[Illegal logging laws – guidance for importers](#) - This section provides explanatory information and guidance on the four key elements of the due diligence requirements as outlined in the Regulation.

For more information, visit the department's [website](#), email illegallogging@agriculture.gov.au or phone 1800 657 313.

Ora Skincare Now in Business!

Remember the [young entrepreneurs](#) we helped kickstart their skincare venture? Well they are now in business! Check them out and help support this new Aussie venture by purchasing some of their awesome natural skin care through their [Ora Skincare Facebook Shop](#)



Infrastructure Surcharges

As of January 1, Infrastructure surcharges will be increasing:

- Sydney \$ 45
- Brisbane \$ 45
- Melbourne \$55



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