

BMSB 2020/2021 SEASON

IMPORTS OF USED HHGPE ETC INTO AUSTRALIA (BMSB MEASURES)

10th August 2020

Having reviewed the outcome of the 2019/2020 BMSB and after consultation by AIMA with Department of Agriculture Water and the Environment (DAWE) and other industry bodies in the lead up to the 2020/2021 BMSB season, the following were the practical outcomes reached in regard to the import of used HHGPE and other shipment types shipped into Australia from, or originating from, Target High Risk Countries (which include the addition of 4 countries to the 2019/2020 list) and considered target high risk goods:

We have now had confirmation these measures will continue to apply for the 2020/2021 "season" for all shipments from Target High Risk Countries covering shipments departing those countries from 1st September 2020 through to arrivals ETA first port of entry into Australia up to 31st May 2021.

| Category | Commodity | Requirements for import |
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| A | Used household goods and personal effects. | No mandatory offshore or onshore fumigation required. Increased normal inspection on arrival and occasional random seal intact 100% inspection. |
| В | Motor vehicles Motor Cycles Motor Homes Vehicle parts and accessories Aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof New ships, boats, jet skis and new floating structures. | Mandatory offshore fumigation required by approved DAWE providers |

| С | New goods (includes HHGPE not owned/used 12 months at origin) which appear on the list of target high risk goods shipped from or originating from Target High Risk Country and are required to be cleared on a Commercial Entry (FID). | Mandatory offshore fumigation required by approved DAWE providers |
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| D | Bequeathed goods which appear on the list of target high risk goods shipped from or originating from Target High Risk Country. | Mandatory offshore fumigation required by approved DAWE providers |
| E | Target high risk goods originating from or uplifted from target high risk country (eg, France) during or before the "season" but consolidated in or shipped from Non-Target High Risk Country (eg, UK) during the "season". | Mandatory offshore fumigation required by approved DAWE providers |
| F | Goods under Category C, D, E, not notified to mover in Australia prior to shipment departure and not treated prior to departure. | Mandatory onshore fumigation of whole container required, by approved DAWE providers (which may involve additional costs for wharf storage and container detention). |
| G | FCL shipped from target high risk country containing some new target high risk goods or bequeathed goods are required to be prepared and reported to Australian Customs (ABF) and Quarantine (DAWE) as LCL on lower housebill and those goods entered on Commercial entry or FID. | Mandatory offshore fumigation of new target high risk goods or bequeathed goods by approved DAWE providers If new target high risk goods/ bequeathed goods in FCL are not treated prior to departure and reported to Dept of Agriculture just prior to ETA in Australia, mandatory onshore fumigation of whole container will be required, which may involve additional costs for wharf storage and container detention. Many HHGPE if owned/used under 12 months or under Categories D,E and G require fumigation at origin. |

Fumigation certificates from approved offshore treatment facility must be provided to DA Agent in Australia for presentation to Department of Agriculture (notice period for DA Agent is no less than 5 business days prior to first entry to Australian Port).

You may find the link to the Offshore Treatment Providers Scheme useful

Click <u>here</u> for list of Target High Risk Countries. Please note the addition of Portugal, Ukraine, Moldova and Kazakhstan to the list of target risk countries.

Emerging risk countries for the 2020/2021 BMSB risk season are Belarus, Denmark, Ireland, Poland, Sweden, UK and Chile. These countries may be selected for random onshore inspections. A lower rate of random inspections may apply to all remaining European countries, Japan, China, Korea, Taiwan, Argentina, South Africa and Uruguay

Click here for target high risk goods and target risk goods

Comment

Department of Agriculture have identified HHGPE goods which have been stored in garages, sheds, basement/cellars or outdoors which are likely to provide 'overwinter' shelters for BMSB. As such the following range of items if shipped from Target High Risk Countries will come under closer scrutiny at the (normal) mandatory guarantine inspection on arrival in Australia:

- Outdoor garden umbrellas.
- Ceramic products including ceramic garden pots.
- Outdoor barbecues, braziers, gas-rings, plate warmers and similar non-electric domestic appliances, and parts thereof, of iron or steel.
- > Tools, implements stored in garage/outdoor garden shed.
- > Mowers, lawn push, non-motorised.
- Trailers and other vehicles, not mechanically propelled; parts thereof; bicycles and other cycles (including delivery tricycles), not motorised; caravans, trailers; baby carriages (prams) and parts thereof. Lawn and garden tractors, ride on mowers, wheelbarrows.
- > Ships, boats and floating structures such as items used for recreational water sports, ie, kayaks, canoes, jet skis, inflatable canoes and kayaks, dinghies.
- Outdoor furniture and garden furniture.
- > Tricycles, scooters and pedal cars and similar wheeled toys.

We stress these items **do not require** mandatory fumigation at origin but will be closely scrutinised by Department of Agriculture Officer at the Quarantine inspection, so should be checked at the time of uplift to ensure no signs of BMSB.

Department of Agriculture will also issue instructions to their inspectors to conduct specific random verification audits of used HHGPE containers on their arrival in Australia.

These will be 'Seal intact' inspections conducted on a low level random basis. A Bio Security Direction will be issued by DAWE. The seal will be broken and container unloaded in the presence of a DAWE Officer. This type of inspection will be conducted outside of normal Bond inspection time on a separate inspection booking at the HHGPE Bonded depot (such as AIMA member bonded warehouses) and will result in additional costs to the clients involved. Hopefully given they have been advised to AIMA as likely to be 'low level' there will not be too many.

Importantly, in such cases it appears AIMA Members will be able to have the seals intact inspection done at their Bonded Depots (ie we move container off the wharf and under our control).

Further detailed information is available at the **Department of Agriculture website**

It is also important to <u>add</u> that whilst the season is for goods shipped etc from Sept 1, 2020 and that arrive in Australian territory by May 31 2021 (inclusive) - that applicable goods shipped between 1 September 2020 and 30 April 2021 need to be treated and will be referred for intervention if they arrive by 31 May 2021 (inclusive)

In summary, there does not appear to be any deviation during the 2020/2021 BMSB season from the position DAWE took during the 2019/2020 season with the exception of the addition of four countries now considered Target High Risk countries, ie Portugal, Kazakhstan Ukraine and Moldova.

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