



Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF)

Season Start Advisory Notice

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) 2025/26 Season

Effective: 01 September 2025 – 30 April 2026

Purpose of Advisory

The Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) advises that the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) risk season has commenced. BMSB is a highly invasive pest that poses a significant threat to Fiji's agriculture, biodiversity, and trade. Enhanced biosecurity measures are now in effect to prevent its entry and establishment.

High-Risk Countries

The following countries are recognised as BMSB risk sources and are subject to specific seasonal measures:

- China – Heightened vessel surveillance only
- Canada – Mandatory treatment
- Japan – Mandatory treatment
- Republic of Korea – Heightened vessel surveillance only
- Republic of Taiwan – Mandatory treatment
- United States of America – Mandatory treatment
- Italy – Mandatory treatment

Seasonal Measures

All cargo (including but not limited to vehicles, machinery, tyres, parts, containers, break-bulk consignments, and general cargo) imported from these countries must comply with the following:

Approved Offshore Treatments (where applicable)

- Fumigation: Methyl bromide (as per prescribed dosage/exposure times).
- Heat Treatment: 60°C for 10–20 minutes depending on item weight.
- Residual Insecticide Treatment: Using approved active ingredients (Bifenthrin, Cyphenothrin, Permethrin, Silafluofen).

Treatment Rules:

- Must be completed within 120 hours prior to departure from the port of export.

- Cargo must depart within 10 days of treatment; otherwise, re-treatment is required.
- A valid treatment certificate, endorsed by the exporting country's NPPO, must accompany each shipment.

Equivalence Measures

BAF will recognise consignments imported under the:

- New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (NZMPI), or
- Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

approved BMSB mitigation pathways (including treatments), provided they are accompanied by valid documentary evidence.

Inspection on Arrival

- All consignments from BMSB risk countries may be subjected to additional inspection upon arrival in Fiji, regardless of cargo type.
- Non-compliance may result in remedial treatment or re-export at the importer's expense.
- Detection of live BMSB will trigger immediate containment and response measures.

Stakeholder Responsibilities

- Importers & Brokers: Ensure consignments are clean, treated (where required), and documented prior to shipment.
- Shipping Lines: Verify treatment records, comply with heightened vessel surveillance requirements, and stow cargo to minimise cross-contamination.
- Industry Partners: Plan ahead, secure approved treatment providers, and ensure paperwork is complete.



Contact:

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Key Message:

All cargo from high-risk countries is subject to BMSB seasonal measures. Compliance is mandatory. Non-compliance will result in delays, additional treatment, or re-export.

Issued By: Chief Plant Protection Officer

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