



LOSS PREVENTION UPDATE

BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG (BMSB) SEASONAL MEASURES 2025-2026

The BMSB is native to East Asia, specifically found in China, Japan and South Korea; it has aggressively invaded the US and Europe and is considered an invasive species by Australia and New Zealand. Adult BMSBs are 12 to 17 millimetres long, mottled with a faint reddish tinge, and have distinctive black and white banding around the edge of the abdomen, along with white bands on the last two antennal segments.





The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Australia has published [updated guidelines](#) for upcoming seasonal measures period, starting **1 September 2025 to 30 April 2026** (inclusive). These guidelines apply to any [target high-risk](#), or [target risk](#) goods manufactured in or shipped from a [target risk country](#) during the BMSB season and to vessels that berth, load, or tranship from target risk countries within the same period.

WHAT CHANGED IN THE NEW UPDATE?

- This year, China and the Republic of Korea have been added to the heightened vessel surveillance list
- Target high risk goods arriving as airfreight from United States of America and China will be subject to random inspections
- Addition of a new offshore BMSB treatment option Ethyl Formate
- New application process for the BMSB in-transit and rolled policy

SEASONAL MEASURES FOR NEW ZEALAND

The latest measures adopted by New Zealand can be found [here](#).

SEASONAL MEASURES FOR FIJI

The latest measures adopted by Fiji can be found [here](#).

FURTHER INFORMATION

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