



# STINK BUG SEASON 2023-2024

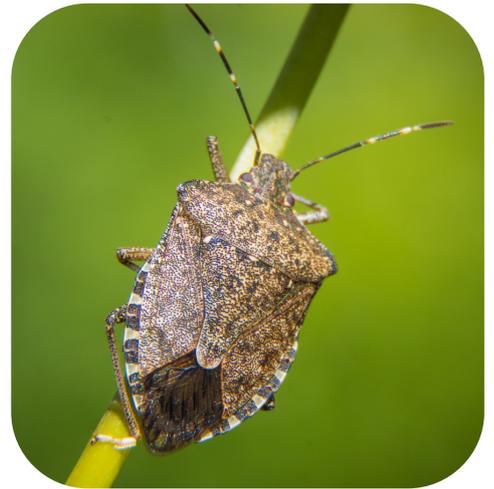
## Fact Sheet



## WHAT IS A STINK BUG?

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is an agricultural pest able to feed on around 300 different plant species and severely damage fruit and vegetable crops.

In order to prevent its entrance into Australia, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry has established strict measures for eligible cargo entering Australia during the season.



## STINK BUG SEASON 2023-2024

For the 2023-24 BMSB risk season, mandatory measures will apply to targeted goods manufactured and shipped from target risk countries, that are shipped between [1 September 2023 until 30 April 2024](#) (inclusive), and to vessels that berth, load, or transship from target risk countries within the same period.

This means if your vessel leaves on August 31st, stink bug measures will not apply, however, should your vessel be delayed, stink bug requirements may be enforced. Due to industry delays, ICE recommends you consider fumigating your cargo from August.

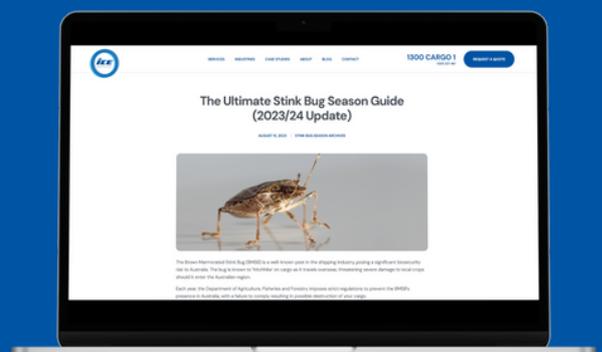
## MAJOR CHANGES THIS SEASON

- The addition of [Uzbekistan](#) to the Target Risk Country List
- Introduction of a new Master Consolidator (MC) Declaration Portal
- Creation of an updated Master Consolidator User Guide for the new MC Declaration Portal
- Publication of a new [Department BMSB FAQs page](#)

## The Ultimate Stink Bug Season Guide (2023-2024)

Find out more about the Stink Bug season in our blog by clicking the button below.

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The 2023–2024 BMSB seasonal measures apply to:

- Certain goods (**target high-risk goods** and **target risk goods**) manufactured in, or shipped from, **target risk countries as ocean freight**. Any target high risk or target risk goods manufactured in or shipped from these countries are subject to the BMSB seasonal measures.
- All roll-on roll-off (ro-ro) vessels that berth at, loads or tranships goods via these countries will also be subject to **heightened vessel surveillance**.

## GOODS AT RISK OF FALLING INTO BMSB MEASURES

There are two categories that your goods may fall into:

### 1. High-risk goods

Goods that require mandatory treatment for BMSM.

### 2. Target risk goods

Goods that are subject to increased onshore intervention in Australia through random inspection. These include a wide range of goods from wood and cork to ceramic, glass, and zinc.

See Page 4 for a list of all the goods.



## TARGET RISK COUNTRIES 2023/24

Albania	Germany	Poland
Andorra	Greece	Portugal
Armenia	Hungary	Romania
Austria	Italy	Russia
Azerbaijan	Japan*	Serbia
Belgium	Kazakhstan	Slovakia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo	Slovenia
Bulgaria	Liechtenstein	Spain
Canada	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Croatia	Moldova	Turkey
Czechia	Montenegro	Ukraine
France	Netherlands	USA
Georgia	North Macedonia	Uzbekistan**

\* Heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied.

\*\* Uzbekistan has been added as a new target risk country.



The United Kingdom and China have been identified as emerging risk countries for the 2023–2024 BMSB risk season and may be selected for a random onshore inspection.



If your cargo originates from any of the above countries and is classed as one of the high-risk goods, your goods must be treated.

## MEASURES REQUIRED

### Target High-Risk Goods

- Must be treated by an 'approved' treatment provider if the goods are treated in target-risk countries.
- Non-target-high-risk and non-target-risk-goods are not subject to BMSB measures unless they are part of a consignment/container that contains target high-risk and target-risk goods.



### Breakbulk Goods

- Must be treated offshore prior to arrival in Australia.
- Subject to **120-hour rule** until 1 December 2023. This means that after goods have been treated in a target risk country, they must be container-sealed or exported within 120 hours.

\*Onshore treatment in Australia not permitted



### Containerised Cargo (FCL, FCX)

- Can be treated **offshore** or **onshore** at the container level.
- Treatment must be conducted at the container level as deconsolidation or removal of goods will not be permitted prior to treatment.

### Containerised Cargo (LCL, FAK)

If containing target high-risk goods, cargo can be managed for BMSB at the container level prior to deconsolidation.



## MANDATORY TREATMENT

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry continues to have three approved BMSB treatments:

- Sulfuryl Fluoride Fumigation
- Methyl Bromide Fumigation
- Heat Treatment

## CARGO FUMIGATION AND TREATMENT PROVIDERS

Providers must be approved by the Australian government every year. Find an approved treatment provider for the 2023/24 season below.



[List of approved onshore treatment providers](#)



[List of approved offshore treatment providers](#)

## SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENT SCHEME

The scheme acts as an alternative clearance route for goods imported via sea freight in six hard-sided shipping containers during the stink bug season.

The scheme allows certain importers to be recognised for their ability to manage the biosecurity risk in their supply chain so their goods are not exposed or contaminated with BMSB. Applicants for the scheme will need to meet certain eligibility criteria.

Application requirements and eligibility can be found [here](#).

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T COMPLY WITH THE BMSB MEASURES?

Failure to comply with the Stink Bug Season measures can result in delays and extra costs, at a minimum. Importers may have to bear the cost of onshore fumigation by an approved provider, storage of your cargo while it waits for treatment, and face days of delays that may impact your business.

Your cargo might be even at risk of being reexported or destroyed depending on the conditions. It is always recommended to let experts assess your cargo requirements.

## TARGET HIGH-RISK GOODS

- **44** – Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal
- **45** – Cork and articles of cork
- **57** – Carpets and other textile floor coverings
- **68** – Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials
- **69** – Ceramic products – including sub chapters I and II
- **70** – Glass and glass ware
- **72** – Iron and steel – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV
- **73** – Articles of iron or steel
- **74** – Copper and articles thereof
- **75** – Nickel and articles thereof
- **76** – Aluminium and articles thereof
- **78** – Lead and articles thereof
- **79** – Zinc and articles thereof
- **80** – Tin and articles thereof
- **81** – Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof
- **82** – Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal
- **83** – **Miscellaneous articles of base metals**
- **84** – Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts 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
- **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
- **87** – Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof
- **88** – Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof
- **89** – Ships, boats and floating structures

## TARGET RISK GOODS

- **27** – Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes
- **28** – Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV and V
- **29** – Organic chemicals – including sub chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and XIII
- **38** – Miscellaneous chemical products
- **39** – **Plastics and articles thereof – – including sub chapters I and II**
- **40** – **Rubber and articles thereof**
- **48** – Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard
- **49** – Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans
- **56** – Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof

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