



# BMSB 2025/2026 SEASON

## IMPORTS OF USED HHGPE ETC INTO AUSTRALIA (BMSB MEASURES)

**27<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

For the 2025-26 BMSB risk season, BMSB seasonal measures will apply to targeted goods manufactured and shipped from target risk countries, that have been shipped between 1 September 2025 and 30 April 2026 (inclusive), and to vessels that berth, load, or tranship from target risk countries within the same period.

If the container is booked to sail prior 1st September, but the vessel delays, let's say until 2 September 2025, as long as the container is a sealed six hard sided container and has been packed and sealed prior to 1 September, and a [sealing declaration](#) can be provided, the container may not be subject to measures for BMSB.

**Note:** The shipped on board date, as indicated on the Ocean Bill of lading, is the date used to determine when goods have been shipped. "Gate in" dates and times will not be accepted to determine when goods are shipped.

Category	Commodity	Requirements for import
<b>A</b>	Used household goods and personal effects.	<b>No</b> mandatory offshore or onshore fumigation required. Increased normal inspection on arrival and occasional random seal intact 100% inspection.
<b>B</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Motor vehicles</li><li>➤ Motor Cycles</li><li>➤ Motor Homes</li><li>➤ Vehicle parts and accessories</li><li>➤ Aircraft, spacecraft and parts thereof</li><li>➤ New ships, boats, jet skis and new floating structures.</li></ul>	Mandatory offshore fumigation required by <a href="#">approved DAFF treatment providers</a>

<b>C</b>	<b>New goods</b> (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 <a href="#">approved DAFF treatment providers</a>
<b>D</b>	<b>Bequeathed goods</b> which appear on the list of target high risk goods shipped from or originating from Target High Risk Country.	Mandatory offshore fumigation required by <a href="#">approved DAFF treatment providers</a>
<b>E</b>	<b>Target high risk goods</b> 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 <a href="#">approved DAFF treatment providers</a>
<b>F</b>	Goods under Category C, D, E, <b>not notified to mover in Australia prior to shipment departure and not treated prior to departure.</b>	Mandatory onshore fumigation of <b>whole container</b> required, by <a href="#">approved DAFF treatment providers</a> (which may involve additional costs for wharf storage and container detention).
<b>G</b>	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 (DAFF) 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 <a href="#">approved DAFF treatment providers</a> 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.

**\*\* Onshore fumigation is permitted however costs are substantial and delays (demurrage etc) particularly at peak times of the year are inevitable. All efforts should be made to fumigate 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).**

**Target risk goods treated in target risk countries must be treated by a treatment provider listed as ‘approved’ on the list of [approved DAFF treatment providers](#)**

Click [here](#) for list of Target High Risk Countries. Please note the addition of **China, Japan and Republic of Korea** to the heightened vessel surveillance list..

The following countries have been identified as emerging risk countries for the -BMSB risk season and may be selected for a random onshore inspection: **United Kingdom, Republic of Korea, Japan and China**

**China, United Kingdom, Japan and Republic of Korea** – random inspections will apply to goods shipped between 1 September 2025 to 31 December 2025 (inclusive)

[Click here for Target High Risk Goods](#)

### **Comment**

#### *Household goods and personal effects imported as unaccompanied personal effects*

Household goods and personal effects imported as Unaccompanied Personal Effects (UPEs), that are categorised as target high risk goods, will not be subject to mandatory treatment requirements if they are imported under the B534 form (located via the [Australian Border Force](#) web page). However, goods required to be reported under a Full Import Declaration (FID), for example, motor vehicles and motorbikes, will require mandatory BMSB treatment either offshore or onshore (if permitted).

All UPEs will be subject to increased onshore inspection. If the goods are imported as Less than Container Load (LCL) in a Freight of All Kinds (FAK) container, a Master Consolidators declaration will be required to be submitted and they will be subject to assessment and inspection at the container level prior to deconsolidation.

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 also come under closer scrutiny at the (normal) mandatory quarantine 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 inspected carefully **at the time of uplift** to ensure no signs of BMSB. If evidence of BMSB, shipment should be fumigated.

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 'Seals intact' inspections conducted on a low level random basis. A Bio Security Direction will be issued by DAFF. The seal will be broken and container unloaded in the presence of a DAFF 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 advised these inspections are 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 [add](#) that target high risk goods manufactured in or shipped from target risk countries that are shipped on board vessels between 1 September 2024 and 30 April 2025 remain subject to BMSB measures regardless of the arrival date.

In summary, there does not appear to be any deviation during the 2025/26 BMSB season from the position DAFF took during the 2024/25 season with the exception of:

- The addition of **Japan and Republic of Korea** as emerging risk countries for the BMSB risk season;
- Target high risk goods arriving as **air freight 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  
To apply for the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) in-transit and rolled policy, you must submit a detailed Biosecurity Risk Management Plan (RMP) via email to Hitchhiker Pests Policy (HPP@aff.gov.au) before your goods arrive in Australia. The RMP demonstrates how you will manage the biosecurity risk and must include an [Application for BMSB Rolled Goods Policy](#) form, along with supporting documentation such as details of the onshore treatment provider and transport arrangements. Failure to submit a timely and approved RMP will result in the goods being denied discharge and/or directed for export

Untreated break bulk cargo will be denied discharge and re-exported, while in-transit high-risk containerised goods may be treated offshore or onshore at the container level. Roll-on/roll-off vessels are subject to heightened vessel surveillance and mandatory on-arrival pest inspections.

The department will monitor the pathway and profile cargo as necessary. However if target high risk and risk goods are shipped from a target risk country with a mixture of pathways (for example, air cargo to a non-target risk country and then shipped as sea cargo to Australia), seasonal measures will apply.

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