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## Importers Biosecurity Updates from MPI

1)

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) season is upon us again. The updated section of the MPI standard relating to BMSB is covered at sect. 4.4 in the document in the link below.

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/1189>

The changes relating to cargo will take effect from those shipped from the **1st September** onwards. Treatment timeframes for Italy and USA may differ and it is recommended that importers check the appropriate requirement prior to shipping, in order to avoid unnecessary delay on arrival in NZ. The additional BMSB risk assessment for USA and Italy vehicles and machinery will include additional tariff codes that have been designed to capture high risk vehicle and machinery associated cargo. By-catch items such as prams, heaters and kitchen implements etc, which could also be considered under the current definition as “machinery”, have been considered and we have looked to minimise this impact by eliminating the requirement to apply for eBACCa if there is no need to. We have refined the risk assessment process to address this as much as possible, but there will invariably be times when items do get caught in the biosecurity screening net and we appreciate your patience in these matters as we seek to ensure that this pervasive threat is kept from our shores.

2)

Changes in Treatment Options for Imported Woodware.

**The Montreal Protocol** is an international environmental treaty that is designed to limit the use of substances that deplete the ozone layer. Within this context are the use of fumigation treatments such as Methyl Bromide, which is an ozone depleting gas, used to maintain biosecurity protection by mitigating the risk of unwanted pests and diseases entering the country.

Historically, MPI has allowed untreated woodware (including furniture) to be treated on arrival in New Zealand as an alternative to inspection. This approach has ensured rapid transition through the border by providing fumigation as a preferred option rather than a requisite one. This approach is contrary to the spirit and intent of the Montreal Protocol and with effect from the **4th September 2017 will not be an option for importers** who will instead be required to have consignments inspected on arrival with any treatment decisions made at that time. Should a biosecurity risk be determined at the time of inspection, the usual treatment options will be applied.

The standard for Woodware from all countries: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/documentvault/1221> specifically allows for treatment of these products offshore and treatment in the country of origin prior to shipment to NZ remains an option as per the standard.

## Importers

### Peak Period ex Asia

The continued consolidation of shipping lines is creating a reduction in container capacity into New Zealand in general, but particularly from Asia. Shipping lines as part of the consolidation process are receiving better load utilization of their vessels and space is at a premium.

We recommend that wherever possible orders are booked with your Burnard representative well in advance of the departure of the vessel to allow for earlier than previous year peak volumes.

We suggest at least a 3 to 4 week lead time.

Please read in conjunction with item below...

## China Golden Week

Reminder that the Chinese Golden Week holiday in China is coming up.

Many factories and most companies will be closed from 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. Some trucking companies stop service for up to 10 days prior Golden Week.

Please also remember there is a blank sailing in week 41 (Spirit of Shanghai)

We are currently checking which cut-offs will have to be brought forward and we will have a gap in our FAK schedules.

We will update our schedules as quickly as possible.

For any further information, please do not hesitate to contact your Burnard International representative.

## Banking Scams

Recently we were made aware by a client - of a scam email attempting to divert an invoice payment - to a bogus bank account.

We wish to remind clients that we bank with BNZ bank.

All account details are on our invoices for NZD and FX payments.

**We will never ask you to remit funds to any other account, bank, or financial institution.**

If you have any questions please contact Jocelyn Yap 09-2567150.

## Last Words

Toughest job I ever had: selling doors, door to door.

**Bill Bailey**