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BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG (BMSB)

Update

New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) is extending the mandatory (offshore or onshore) treatment for all goods associated with sea containers from Italy, USA, and other countries from the 1st of March 2018 until the 30th of April 2018.

MPI has made this decision yesterday after evaluating the available data leading up to and including the end of February to ensure all aspects were considered, the change also aligns with the recognised aggregation risk period currently in place for vehicles and machinery from the Italy and the USA.

The urgent measures were originally introduced on the 23rd of December 2017, and it was intended to enforce the requirements until the 28th of February 2018 to manage the significant risk of BMSB associated with goods in sea containers from Italy.

MPI encourages all importers to treat containerised consignments before shipping their goods to ensure the BMSB risk is managed offshore. If an importer wishes to treat containerised consignments on arrival, they may face significant delays due to the volume of containers entering New Zealand. If an importer must treat on arrival, they need to be aware that it must be arranged with a New Zealand treatment provider to have treatment conducted within 72 hours of arrival in New Zealand.

MPI is working closely with our overseas counterparts to ensure that these requirements do not adversely affect New Zealand's trade partners and the arrival of consignments from risk countries up to the 30th of April 2018.

Anyone that has concerns over the types of treatments applied, and whether these will harm their goods can contact MPI to see if alternative options can be arranged.

All containerised goods from Hungary, Italy, Japan, and the USA are at risk of carrying BMSB and may be inspected during the BMSB season.

If you are an importer from the above countries please see the below link for full information.

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/other/vehicles-and-machinery/requirements/brown-marmorated-stink-bug-requirements/>

PORT OF LYTTTELTON

Notice of Strike Action

We would like to draw your attention to a deteriorating industrial situation at Lyttelton Port Company (LPC).

The Rail and Maritime Union of New Zealand (RMTU) has now given notice of a full withdrawal of their labour from 8th to the 13th March.

Importers

If you have shipments due Lyttelton over the announced strike period, please contact our Import Sea Freight department importsea@burnard.co.nz for vessel updates.

Lines will probably divert sailings if the strike goes ahead.

Exporters

If you are intending export shipments through Lyttelton, please discuss with our Export Sea department exportsea@burnard.co.nz before making arrangements to bring cargo to the port.

UK – SEVERE WEATHER

Port and Transport Network Disruption

The current adverse weather conditions across the UK have caused major disruption to roads, ports and terminals and is also affecting all other transport modes including multiple rail terminals with delays or closures.

With further severe weather forecast for the next 2 to 3 days delayed shipments collections and deliveries are inevitable.

Felixstowe, Tilbury, and London Gateway are currently closed.

USA – TRUCKING NETWORK

Truck and Driver Shortage Causes Backlogs and Surcharges

National truckload carriers offering intermodal services are carefully managing their freight volumes in high-demand cities, turning down or levying surcharges on loads taxing their transportation networks.

Requests to transport freight are significantly exceeding the supply of trucks and drivers so far this year.

Longer turn times at railroad ramps are resulting in backlogs, surcharges imposed by carriers, as well as triggering shipping lines equipment detention fees.

Network congestion is nationwide and is impacting efficient repositioning of equipment to cope with the pressure.

LAST WORDS

Joe Biden went to Brazil in an effort to try to repair America's relationship with their government. Biden said, 'It's great to be here in the Amazon. I've always wanted to see where all the books come from.'

Jimmy Fallon