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This is an advance notice that Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) season starts again on 1st September and runs to 30th April 2024. This means MPI has extra requirements for imported cargo from countries that have BMSB populations.

Broadly, the procedures and requirements are the same as last season. This means for our LCL containers from Japan, Netherlands, Belgium, Germany and Spain, we can only take cargo that is either low risk (eg food) or high risk goods (eg auto parts) that are accompanied by a declaration that the cargo was manufactured indoors and stored indoors prior to export.

Italy is the most risk of infestation and has a separate procedure. All LCL containers need to be treated for BMSB before they load on the ship. The process we use is heat treatment where hot air is circulated around the container until it reaches 60 Deg C. So cargo that is shipped as LCL needs to be packed in a way that will not be damaged by this process.

Cargo that is transhipped via Singapore or Hong Kong but originate from BSMB countries will be stopped in the t/shipment port for treatment.

FCL loads from any of these countries also need to comply:

Albania	Bosnia	France	Japan	Netherlands	Slovakia
Andorra	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Georgia	Kosovo	Poland	Spain
Armenia	Bulgaria	Germany	Liechtenstein	Portugal	Switzerland
Austria	Canada	Greece	Luxemburg	Romania	Turkey
Azerbaijan	Croatia	Hungary	Macedonia	Russia	Ukraine
Belgium	Czech Republic	Italy	Moldova	Serbia	USA

The procedure is the same as last season. Any risk goods (eg engine parts) will need to have a manufacturers declaration confirming the cargo is new and was produced indoors and stored indoors prior to export. If cargo is not new or stored indoors, it will need to be treated for BMSB by either fumigation or heat treatment.

FCL's from Italy will all require treatment (either fumigation or heat treatment) unless they are considered sensitive cargo by MPI. Examples of sensitive cargo are food, pharmaceuticals, and textiles.

The other category of cargo to bring to your attention is any goods that need to move in open top containers or flat racks. These are very high risk of BMSB infestation as they are open to the environment. MPI requires all shipments of these container types to be treated for BMSB prior to loading. The MPI window for flat racks and open tops treatment at origin is only 5 days between treatment and loading on a vessel. This is a very small window that requires a lot of planning.

If you require any additional information or clarification on the above, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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