

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Season 2026–27

Important Information for Importers

The Australian **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB)** risk season officially runs from **1 September 2026 to 30 April 2027 inclusive**.

During this period, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (**DAFF**) applies seasonal measures to certain goods manufactured in, or shipped from, target risk countries, in order to prevent the entry of BMSB into Australia.

When do the measures apply?

BMSB measures apply to targeted goods that are:

- **Shipped on board between 1 September 2026 and 30 April 2027 inclusive**
- Manufactured in, or shipped from, **target risk countries**
- In some cases, shipped from **emerging risk countries**
- Classified as **target high-risk goods**

Important: DAFF uses the **Shipped on Board date on the Ocean Bill of Lading** to determine whether the seasonal measures apply.

The 2026–27 measures apply to goods shipped on board from **1 September 2026 to 30 April 2027 inclusive** from the target risk countries, with separate random inspection periods for emerging risk countries.

Target risk countries: Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Czechia, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Moldova, Montenegro, Netherlands, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, Ukraine, United States of America, Uzbekistan

For the emerging risk countries, Random inspection periods currently apply as follows:

- **China, Japan and South Korea:** goods shipped between **1 September and 31 December inclusive**
- **United Kingdom:** goods shipped between **1 December and 30 April inclusive**

High-risk cargo

Certain tariff chapters are considered **target high-risk** and may require **mandatory BMSB treatment**. These commonly include:

Timber and wood articles, Machinery and mechanical appliances, Electrical equipment, Iron, steel and metal articles, Vehicles and parts, Construction materials, Boats and related cargo

If you are unsure whether your cargo falls within the target risk categories, please contact the Novis team before shipment.



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LCL / FAK cargo – important note

For **LCL / FAK containers**, BMSB risk is managed at the **container level** before deconsolidation. This means that one incorrect declaration or untreated high-risk consignment may delay the release of the entire container and create additional costs for all parties involved.

A **no declaration, no load** policy may apply where BMSB information is required.

What importers should do now

To minimise delays and extra costs during the BMSB season, we strongly recommend that importers:

- Confirm the **country of manufacture**
- Confirm the correct **HS code / tariff classification**
- Check whether the goods fall within **target high-risk cargo**
- Ensure suppliers provide **accurate cargo descriptions and declarations**
- Allow extra time for **treatment, inspections and documentation**
- Speak with **Novis Logistics** before booking if there is any uncertainty

Official DAFF links

For further information, please refer directly to DAFF:

Seasonal measures for BMSB

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>

Preparing to import during BMSB season

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs/prepare-import>

Management of LCL / FAK containers

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs/lclcontainers>

Management of vessels

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs/vessels>

If you have upcoming shipments that may be affected by BMSB measures, please contact the **Novis Logistics Solutions** team for assistance.