



# BMSB 2023/2024 SEASON

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

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

For the 2023-24 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 2023 and 30 April 2024 (inclusive), and to vessels that berth, load, or tranship from target risk countries within the same period.

**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 treatment Providers](#)**

Click [here](#) for list of Target High Risk Countries. Please note the addition of **Uzbekistan** to the list of target risk countries.

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 and China**

China – random inspections will apply to goods shipped between 1 September to 31 December (inclusive)

United Kingdom – random inspections will apply to goods shipped between 1 December to 30 April (inclusive)

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

### **Comment**

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 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 been advised to AIMA as 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 whilst the season is for goods shipped etc between Sept 1, 2023 and 30 April 2024 applicable goods shipped between 1 September 2023 and 30 April 2024 need to be treated and will be referred for intervention.

In summary, there does not appear to be any deviation during the 2023/24 BMSB season from the position DAFF took during the 2022/23 season with the exception of the addition of Uzbekistan now considered Target High Risk country and emerging risk countries identified as United Kingdom and China.

We may also see a little more surveillance activity in the air freight sector on some tariff headings, particularly from Italy and the USA and especially early in the season when the BMSB is more mobile, as they had a number of detections in this mode last season

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