



Australian Government
**Department of Agriculture,
Water and the Environment**

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Dear Dr Faraglia

I am writing to advise you that the Australian Government will continue to apply seasonal measures to manage the biosecurity risk of Brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB or *Halyomorpha halys*) from Italy. The seasonal measures will apply to goods shipped between 1 September 2020 and 30 April 2021 inclusive (the 2020-21 Australian BMSB risk season). The list of all target goods can be found at [Attachment A](#).

The policy measures implemented for the 2019-20 BMSB risk season have been retained for the 2020-21 BMSB risk season. The only change being the addition of three new countries to the list of target risk countries for BMSB. The full list of target risk countries that are subject to the seasonal measures is enclosed with my letter ([Attachment B](#)).

Italy will be subject to ongoing BMSB seasonal measures from 1 September to 31 May each BMSB risk season. The Australian Government Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the department) will provide notification if there are any changes to our policy in relation to your BMSB risk status.

To ensure that BMSB treatments conducted offshore are effective and consistent, the department will continue to use the Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme introduced for the 2018-19 season.

Any treatment provider wanting to conduct BMSB treatments in target risk countries will need to apply and be approved by the department through this scheme. Details of the Offshore BMSB Treatment Providers Scheme and approved offshore treatment providers are available at www.agriculture.gov.au/bmsb-offshoretreatmentproviders

The department is in the process of lodging a WTO SPS notification now the measures have been finalised. Further information about the BMSB seasonal measure is available on the department's website at agriculture.gov.au/bmsb.

The BMSB seasonal measures have been developed using a range of scientific, intelligence and evidence based information on the pest. A final pest risk analysis for BMSB has also been completed as part of Australia's international obligation to review the emergency measures that were introduced in 2014. The report is available at the department's website: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity/risk-analysis/memos/ba2019-p15>

Should BMSB infestations be detected in other goods and/or pathways during the season, the department may amend the measures should it be determined that they are not sufficiently managing the risk.

If you need further detail or wish to discuss please feel free to contact Ms Joanna Grainger, Minister Counsellor (Agriculture) at the Australian Embassy in Brussels, on +32 (0) 2 286 0513 or at Joanna.grainger@dfat.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Cooper', followed by a period.

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Attachment A- List of Target High Risk and Target Risk Goods

Attachment B- List of Target Risk Countries

ATTACHMENT A

Target high risk goods

Goods that have been classified as target high risk will require mandatory treatment and will be subject to random onshore verification inspections.

36 - Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations	74 - Copper and articles thereof	84 - Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof
44 - Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	75 - Nickel and articles thereof	85 - Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles
45 - Cork and articles of cork	76 - Aluminium and articles thereof	86 - Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof; mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds
57 - Carpets and other textile floor coverings	78 - Lead and articles thereof	87 - Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof
68 - Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials	79 - Zinc and articles thereof	88 - Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof
69 - Ceramic products – including sub chapters I and II	80 - Tin and articles thereof	89 - Ships, boats and floating structures
70 – Glass and glass ware	81 - Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof	93 - Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof
72 - Iron and steel - including sub chapters I, II, III, IV	82 - Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal	
73 - Articles of iron or steel	83 - Miscellaneous articles of base metals	

Target risk goods

Goods that have been categorised as target risk will not require mandatory treatment, however will be subject to increased onshore intervention through random inspection.

25 - Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	31 - Fertilisers	47 - Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard
26 - Ores, slag and ash	38 - Miscellaneous chemical products	48 - Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard
27 - Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes	39 - Plastics and articles thereof - – including sub chapters I and II	49 - Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans
28 - Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes - including sub chapters I, II, III, IV and V	40 - Rubber and articles thereof	56 - Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof
29 - Organic chemicals - including sub chapters I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX, X, XII and X111	46 - Manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basket ware and wickerwork	

ATTACHMENT B

The following countries have been categorised as target risk due to the rapid expansion of BMSB. Any target high risk or target risk goods which are manufactured in, or shipped from these countries will be subject to BMSB seasonal measures:

Albania
Andorra
Armenia
Austria
Azerbaijan
Belgium
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Czech Republic
France
Georgia
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Italy
Kosovo
Liechtenstein
Luxembourg
North Macedonia
Moldova
Montenegro
Netherlands
Portugal
Romania
Russia
Serbia
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
Switzerland
Turkey
Ukraine
United States of America
Canada
Japan (heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied).