



## On Arrival Guidance – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2023

Biosecurity New Zealand (BNZ) on arrival guidance for Breakbulk vessels to assist with verification of potential Brown Marmorated and other Stink Bug contamination. This Guidance applies to all Breakbulk vessels that arrive with cargo loaded from risk countries between September 1, 2023 and arriving before April 30, 2024 inclusive.

### Stink bug risk countries

BMSB management measures (import requirements) exist to manage the risk of BMSB. Measures exist under the Import Health Standards for sea containers from Italy and Vehicles, Machinery and Parts (VMP) from 38 risk countries. For more information refer to the links below:

[Import Health Standard: Vehicles, Machinery and Parts](#)

[Import Health Standard: Sea Containers from All Countries](#)

### Documentation

Vessels intending to enter New Zealand Territorial Waters must provide pre-arrival documentation. In addition, between September and April we recommend all Breakbulk vessels submit the below list of documents when possible a minimum of 2 days prior to arriving. In some instances, particularly with Australian loaded cargo, this will be difficult. Therefore, receiving the Japan and European cargo manifests is encouraged to start the process of identifying potentially non-compliant cargo on board. Some of the below documentation may not apply or you may have different names due to business internal systems.

- Coversheet (NZ discharge manifest) if applicable.
- List of vehicles new or used from Japan or Scheduled 3 countries transhipped through other non-risk countries.
- Full NZ import manifest (PDF).
- Full NZ import manifest (excel spreadsheet) this is a preferred way to receive the information for reconciliation.
- Stowage plan.
- Full log for crew vessel inspections using attached MPI reporting template.
- Fogging Certificates.

### Crew Reporting

Biosecurity New Zealand (BNZ) encourage all vessels to conduct as many vessel inspections as possible during their individual voyage once New Zealand destined cargo has been loaded. Below captures the minimum that should be conducted:

1. Vessels undertake crew vessel inspections and record clear and accurate details on the MPI template.
2. Where possible, inspection is to be conducted 48 hours after vessel departs each international region (i.e., Europe, Africa, Asia) en route to New Zealand. Then for seven (7) days prior to first port of arrival in New Zealand.
3. If further inspections or detections are made in addition to the above, the details of any insects found must also be provided on the required template.
4. Provide clear high-quality photos of all insects found.
5. All insects must be refrigerated and presented to a Quarantine officer on arrival in New Zealand.
6. Vessels that visit Australia (AU) prior to arriving to New Zealand, should submit the crew vessel inspection report that was provided to the Australian Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF).
7. All specimens collected during the voyage are to be given to the MPI officers conducting the ship clearance.

The more information provided on crew inspection results the better BNZ can assess the risk on board prior to arrival and minimise any potential delays.



## BCS Surveillance

Breakbulk vessels that carry or have carried cargo from countries considered risk for stink bugs will be subject to a full deck by deck verification by BNZ before compliant cargo is permitted discharge. Each vessel will be issued with a notice of direction for all ramps and doors to remain closed and deny discharge of cargo until our surveillance is completed and risk of the vessel assessed. If BNZ is satisfied the risk is low, discharge will be granted. Specific cargo on board may be issued a notice of direction denying discharge if import requirements have not been met - this cargo must remain on board.

Other vessels will be subject to standard surveillance.

If live stink bugs are found, discharge will continue to be denied until they have been formally identified. If the species is regulated BNZ will decide on appropriate action on a case-by-case basis considering the following:

- Accuracy of masters' declaration regarding the presence of bugs and the correlation with MPI inspection results.
- Any other mitigating measures that have been put in place.
- Location of bugs on the vessel and cargo.
- Any segregation that is in place.
- Type and placement of cargo.

If required the vessel will be given the choice of treatment, reshipment or destruction. However, treatment in NZ is very limited and as destruction is not practical, reshipment is the most likely option with the vessel being directed to leave NZ territory. Where possible MPI will allow the discharge of compliant cargo if it has been segregated in a way that means it can be assessed as non-risk.

- The risk of live stink bugs on board vessels carrying cargo from schedule 3 countries requires continued vigilance. To ensure the best environment and fully assess the risk and the life status of stink bugs on board, BNZ do not allow fogging/pest management to take place in New Zealand Territorial waters. Vessels are expected to make their way directly to the berth/anchorage allocated for inspection to be completed.
- BNZ may use fogging as a verification tool when significant amounts of dead or live bugs have been identified.

BNZ strongly encourages everyone involved in the supply chain to do their part in ensuring stink bugs are not in or on breakbulk cargo. This starts with the manufacturing or logistics supply chain in the country of origin, through to loading on board the vessel and includes checks en route to New Zealand.

## Cost Recovery

Increased interventions for stink bug are fully cost recovered in adherence with the Biosecurity Cost Regulations.

### MPI Contact Details

- For overseas or pre-arrival enquiries, email [standards@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:standards@mpi.govt.nz)
- For BMSB enquires email [bmsb@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:bmsb@mpi.govt.nz)
- For New Zealand cargo application enquiries email [targetevaluator.cargo@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:targetevaluator.cargo@mpi.govt.nz)
- For other enquiries, including regional offices, call the general enquires line – 0800 00 83 33

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