



# FURTHER URGENT NOTICE

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

**5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**

Subsequent to the original AIMA Notice dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019, after further intensive consultation by AIMA with Department of Agriculture (DoAG) and other industry bodies, the following are the practical outcomes reached in regard to the import of used HHGPE and other shipment types shipped into Australia from, or originating from, Target High Risk Countries and considered target high risk goods:

These measures apply to the 2019/2020 “season” for all shipments from Target High Risk Countries covering shipments departing those countries from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2019 through to arrivals ETA first port of entry into Australia up to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020.

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 <a href="#">by approved DoAG providers</a> of these items.

<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 <a href="#">by approved DoAG providers</a> of these items.
<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 <a href="#">by approved DoAG providers</a> of these items.
<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 <a href="#">by approved DoAG providers</a> of these items.
<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, <a href="#">by approved DoAG 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 (DoAG) 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 <a href="#">by approved DoAG 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 <b>whole container</b> 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.

**Fumigation certificates from approved 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)**

Click [here](#) for list of Target High Risk Countries.

[Click here for target high risk goods](#) and [target 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 checked at the time of uplift to ensure no signs of BMSB.

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 'Seal intact' inspections conducted on a low level random basis. A Bio Security Direction will be issued by DoAG. The seal will be broken and container unloaded in the presence of a DoAG 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](#)

In summary, whilst there are some anomalies in the outcomes mentioned above, there are now much more practical solutions in the majority of cases compared to the original position outlined in the AIMA Notice dated 19th July 2019.

Australian International Movers Association

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