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BORDER INTERVENTIONS 2016/17

BROWN MARMORATED STINK BUG NOTIFICATION

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Dear Stakeholder

As many of you are aware, last year MPI targeted containers from designated ports in relation to the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB). This is because, in addition to the USA, BMSB is spreading through Europe into industrial areas and ports, mainly in Italy. BMSB has been found in many types of imported goods from coffee grinders to crane parts. If BMSB gets into New Zealand it will likely have very serious effects on agriculture, the environment (native plants) & horticultural crops.

Due to the targeted approach, and some particularly strong support and cooperation from our stakeholders, the 15/16 BMSB season was extremely successful with interceptions managed at the border. Early lodgement submissions and accurate early document submission will minimise any potential disruption to your business.

From mid-September 2016 until April 2017, MPI will increase targeted interventions for Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs on FCL containers from designated Ports in the USA and Italy.

MPI will only increase intervention according to risk information as opposed to a blanket approach on all areas at the start of the season. Targeted intervention will be used throughout the season to ensure minimal disruption whilst ensuring optimum biosecurity protection. Accordingly, impacted areas may be adjusted by MPI at short notice according to changing risk. MPI will endeavour to keep you informed of any updates.

These measures remain in place under the existing **Import Health Standard (IHS) requirements for vehicles, machinery and Tyres**, in addition to the new measures in the IHS around new and used machinery ex USA and associated fumigation requirements: <http://mpi.govt.nz/law-and-policy/requirements/import-health-standards/>

What is the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug?

See link to a fact sheet to keep your staff and stakeholders aware of the potential impact of this high risk hitchhiker threat. <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bug>. In addition, the following link is to a video that provides more information: <http://video.nationalgeographic.com/video/news/141017-invasive-stinkbug-vin?source=relatedvideo>



Adult (and underside) of an adult BMSB and eggs and nymphs

We would like to thank all our customers and stakeholders in advance for assisting MPI in managing all necessary actions to protect and grow primary industries for the benefit of all New Zealanders. If you have any questions regarding cargo clearance applications (Target Evaluation) contact Dunja.hassencamp@mpi.govt.nz.