



Australian Fumigation Requirements Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Season 2017/2018

The Australian Government, Department of Agriculture (ADA) has issued industry notice titled **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) 2017-18 Season Mandatory Measures** which outlines the fumigation requirements for Break Bulk cargo for the 2017-2018 season. Below are the key points of the regulation.

- From **1 September 2017** all **used** goods in the target tariffs must be cleaned and then treated for potential BMSB infestation immediately prior to shipping to Australia on or before **30 April 2018**. This applies to break bulk and FCL/FCX containerised goods.
- All **new** goods in the target tariffs manufactured and/or stored between **1 September 2017** and **1 December 2017** and then shipped as break bulk or FCL/FCX on or before 30 April 2018, must also undergo offshore treatment unless subject to alternative safeguarding arrangements approved by the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.
- All **new** goods in the target tariff groups **manufactured after 1 December 2017** and shipped as break bulk or FCL/FCX on or before 30 April 2018 will require a consignment specific manufacturers' 'new, unused and not field tested' (NUFT) declaration which also includes the date and place of manufacture.

The treatment methods available to meet this fumigation requirement are listed below.

- Sulfuryl fluoride – at least 48g/m³ for 6 hours or longer or at least 16g/m³ for 12 hours or longer both with an end point reading of 50 per cent or more of the initial concentration and conducted at a temperature of 10 °C or higher. Please note this temperature is 5 °C lower than the methyl bromide conditions below.
- Methyl bromide – at least 16g/m³ for 12 hours or longer with an end point reading of 50per cent or more of the initial concentration and conducted at a temperature of 15 °C or higher. Please note this temperature is 5 °C higher than the sulfuryl fluoride conditions above.
- Heat – at 50 °C or greater for at least 20 minutes. The minimum temperature of the coldest part of the treated good should reach at least 50 °C for at least 20 minutes.

Details of the new notice can be found on the following link which also includes details of the targeted goods listed in the tariffs for the 2017-2018 season.

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>

"K"Line America is committed to assisting our customers with this regulation as much as possible. Below are some points that need to be carefully considered for all Australian cargo which you plan to book with "K"Line.

- Fumigation must take place **within** 96 hours of the vessels **departure** for all vessels which are schedule to depart 1 September thru 1 December 2017. Arrangements for fumigation are for the account of the shipper.
- Fumigation certificates must be sent to "K"Line's Customer Service department via email at ricbcarcus@us.kline.com. They may also be faxed to 800.333.9275.
- Vessel delays due to port labor issues, berth congestion or weather which cause a fumigation certificate to become invalid will not be the responsibility of "K" Line. If time permits the cargo

may be re-fumigated and "K" Line will make every effort to load your cargo. If cargo rolls due to non-compliant fumigation certificates "K" Line will not be responsible for storage costs or roll fees.

- Because fumigation is required to take place **within** 96 hours, "K" Line's standard vessel cut process will be altered for cargo to Australia. All shippers are strongly encouraged to stay in close communication with "K" Line's Customer Service department for coordination of cargo delivery and receipt of fumigation certificates. Some of "K" Line's standard automated notifications you may receive regarding your cargo may not apply. If you have questions please make sure to contact Customer Service at 866.233.6875 opt. 1.
- The correct date the vessel sails will be critical to ensure fumigation is done within the 96 hours. Although "K" Line's printed vessel schedule and the schedule available through kline.com are resources it is **not recommended** that they be used to determine the most update to date information. All shippers are strongly encouraged to stay in close communication with "K" Line's Customer Service department to learn the most up to date vessel schedule.
- Used title cargo requires that the title and vehicle be delivered to the port a minimum of 72 hours prior to the vessels departure. This is in direct conflict with the Australian fumigation regulation. It will be extremely difficult to coordinate fumigation and cargo delivery to meet both regulations. Please contact Customer Service to discuss what arrangements you are making to meet both requirements.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Car Carrier Customer Service Department at 1-866-233-6875 opt. 1 or ricbcarcus@us.kline.com.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we work together through this fumigation season.

Sincerely,

"K" Line America Management