



Please see the below notification from OOCL regarding the current guidelines for BSMB Declaration.

Australia and New Zealand are primarily agricultural countries, and non-native plant and animal life can potentially damage their eco-systems and agriculture and the livelihoods of many. The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is one of the non-native pests on the watch-list.

In order to prevent the risk of possible infestation of this pest during their season of imports, the Australian Government's Department of Agriculture and the New Zealand Government's Ministry of Primary Industries have issued revised measures regarding fumigation, with effect from 1st September 2018 through to 30th April 2019. This requirement is applicable to full container loads and consolidated shipments originating from United States, loaded at United States Ports or trans-shipped over United States Ports.

Please be advised that this is the responsibility of the shipper, and kindly ensure you comply with these regulations to avoid any delays or disruption to your supply chain.

You may find these very comprehensive official government publications particularly useful in detailing the types of cargo most at risk, and the fumigation and treatment measures which are required:

- Publication of the Australian Government Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.
- <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>
- Publication of the New Zealand Government Ministry of Primary Industries on Biosecurity
- <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/protection-and-response/responding/alerts/brown-marmorated-stink-bug/>

Please be guided accordingly.

Thank you