

CTO Direction to an MPI Inspector

CTO DIRECTION DOCUMENT: CTOPlants2019038 – Equivalent management considerations for VMP risk goods from Schedule 3 countries that are untreated; and unable to be shipped to New Zealand prior to the start of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.

Pursuant to Section 27(1) (d) (iii) of the Biosecurity Act 1993 I, Paul Hallett, give the following direction for measures, that differ from those specified in the Import Health Standard for Vehicles, Machinery and Parts under Section 4 consignments of VMP risk goods that:

For consignments of break-bulk or containerised VMP risk goods shipped from ports in BMSB risk countries between the 1st and the 7th of September 2019 only:

- The break-bulk or containerised VMP risk goods must have been transported to export ports in advance of the 1st of September 2019 and are awaiting immediate loading;
- The break-bulk or containerised VMP risk goods must remain closed/sealed at the export port prior to shipping;
- The break-bulk or containerised VMP risk goods must be shipped from the export port between on or before the 7th of September 2019; and
- The importer must inform MPI in advance of the arrival of the break-bulk or containerised VMP risk goods in New Zealand that importation is being conducted under the conditions specified as above.

If these requirements (as above) are met, MPI will not require treatment on-arrival in New Zealand. However, MPI may conduct inspection of the break-bulk or containerised VMP risk goods on arrival in New Zealand, and MPI reserves the right to conduct an appropriate treatment (where possible) if biosecurity contaminants and live regulated pests are found.

This direction applies to non-compliant consignments of this type arriving BMSB export ports that were shipped between the 1st and the 7th of September 2019 only.