

See Contain Report

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From the Editors

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide regular updates on planned operational changes and other relevant information for the management of transitional/containment facilities by TF Operators, accredited persons (APs) and staff.

The main updates for this edition are in relation to the discontinuation of the temporary TF process, the revision of the air container import health standard, an update for TF security measures, changes in treatment options for imported woodware, and a notification on container interventions over the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug season.

If you have any comments or questions, please contact us: Chris Denny (chris.denny@mpi.govt.nz) or Dave Nendick (dave.nendick@mpi.govt.nz).

Know the Enemy: Asian Ambrosia Beetle (*Xylosandrus crassiusculus*)

The Asian Ambrosia Beetle is very small (1.5 - 3mm long) and can become abundant in agricultural, forested and urban areas. It is a potentially serious pest of fruit trees and ornamentals and it is likely to affect many different hosts, including avocado, elms and eucalyptus, macadamia, magnolia and stone fruit.

New Zealand is currently free of this beetle but our climate is suitable for it to establish. We mention this beetle as it has been detected in Queensland and could enter New Zealand through infected host material such as timber, wood packaging material and wood products. Once established, it is difficult to eradicate.

If you see anything that looks like this pest or anything unusual, please catch or spray it, shut the container and call MPI on 0800 80 99 66 or your local MPI office as soon as possible.



Temporary Transitional Facilities to be Discontinued

All approvals of Temporary Transitional Facilities (TTF) will cease from 1 January 2018. The TTF option was provided by MPI historically to permit importers to conduct one-off events or projects. MPI has reviewed the TTF process and determined the method for monitoring compliance has become too difficult. In addition, standard TFs are required to go through a rigorous approval process (with associated costs) to meet MPI biosecurity requirements for importing risk goods. We believe that the Multi-site Transitional Facility (MTF) scheme can now manage these applications. The MTF scheme has been successful in maintaining biosecurity compliance and allows an importer to have containers delivered to their location as long as the site is suitable (e.g. has a bitumen or concrete hardstand, suitable clearance, etc.). The MTF System Operator takes overall responsibility for all MPI TF requirements. See <https://mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/mpi-authorized-multi-site-transitional-facility-mtf-system-providers/> for MTF service providers. Please contact facilityapprovals@mpi.govt.nz if you have any queries.



Biosecurity Partners

MPI recently evaluated tenders for Biosecurity Partners (formerly called Training Providers) to provide approved Accredited Person and TF Operator training. From 1 November 2017, the four approved Biosecurity Partners are:

- Biosecurity Training South Ltd
- Independent Verification Service (IVS)
- New Zealand Biosecurity Services
- SPS Biosecurity Ltd

Their contact details have been added to the MPI website: <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/resources/registers-and-lists/operator-training-providers/>

Air Container Import Health Standard

The *Import Health Standard: Air Containers from All Countries* has been reviewed (<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/news-and-resources/consultations/revision-of-the-import-health-standard-for-air-containers-from-all-countries/>) and will come into force on 5 April 2018. MPI will work with air container worksites to establish how to best meet the requirements. We know there is some concern around the availability of targeted accredited person^[1] training courses that may impact the ability to be compliant. MPI Inspectors are currently visiting relevant TFs to discuss compliance requirements. If you have concerns about being compliant by 5 April 2018, please contact MPI to discuss options at standards@mpi.govt.nz

Importers have until 5 April 2018 to:

- Ensure containers and packaging are clean and free from regulated pests and biosecurity contaminants;
- Provide container and packaging documentation for those air containers carrying freight only;
- Report any findings of biosecurity pests and regulated contaminants against a list provided in schedule 2 of the IHS to MPI.

TF Security Measures

Security measures around the management of uncleared risk goods are important to help prevent uncleared risk goods from being wrongly released or stolen and to prevent undetected contaminants from escaping. MPI has clarified TF security measures in TFGEN where a TF must be physically and structurally secure.

TFGEN 2.1 Requirements for TF Security: (1) A TF must be physically and structurally secure with regard to the type of uncleared risk goods managed there, and be operated in accordance with this standard.

To ensure uncleared risk goods (including containers) remain secure prior to inspection, MPI will not approve any new TFs if they are not deemed physically and structurally secure and will cancel existing TF's if they do not meet the requirements below by 1 September 2018.

Security Measures for New TF Approvals (and for all TFs from 1 September 2018)

All risk goods (including containers) must be managed using suitable security measures on arrival at the TF before biosecurity clearance is granted by MPI. This is to ensure that risk goods are stored securely so they do not present a biosecurity risk and cannot be interfered with or stolen. As is emphasised in MPI training, an AP must always be present to provide a biosecurity check for all imported containers upon unloading. Before TF approval, an MPI Inspector can help a TF Operator in assessing the suitability of TF security systems that provide appropriate management for risk goods. For example, TF Operators that import risk goods that are

^[1] A person unloading air containers can become an AP through attending and passing the MPI approved training programme <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/transitional-and-containment-facilities/accredited-persons/>



commonly contaminated must ensure their TF management systems are suitable to deal with such contaminants. Please note, if containers are delivered after hours at a TF, it is vital that they are:

- contained inside a secure area, locked or
- managed by another method approved by an MPI Inspector.

Please note that adequate security measures also apply for new Multi-Site TFs (MTF) applications.

Process for Existing TFs (until 1 Sep 2018)

Currently a number of existing TFs do not have systems to ensure members of the public cannot access uncleared containers. For example, a number of TFs are approved in business parks that have no security measures in place. To allow sufficient time for existing TFs to meet these security requirements, MPI will allow these TFs until 1 September 2018 to comply. Until then, existing TFs must:

- Be able to lock the container, e.g. secure with a substantial padlock (this is included in their equipment list and stated in their TF Operating Manual), if the site cannot be secured (e.g. on a shared driveway).
- Cone off the area and have signage keeping public and staff away from the container while being unloaded.
- Encourage the use of alarm systems, security cameras, etc.
- No containers are permitted to be placed in a public area, e.g. footpath or road.

Changes in Treatment Options for Imported Woodware

From 4 September 2017, the practice of fumigation on arrival in NZ of woodware products will no longer be provided by MPI as an option for goods imported under the MPI *Import Health Standard for Woodware from All Countries* (<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/document-vault/1221>). The previous practice is considered to be inconsistent with the aim of the standard.

As New Zealand is a signatory to the Montreal Protocol (an international environmental treaty designed to limit the use of ozone depleting gases such as Methyl bromide), MPI will immediately move to reduce on-arrival fumigation with methyl bromide. Historically, MPI has allowed untreated woodware (including furniture) to be fumigated (by methyl bromide) on arrival in New Zealand as an alternative to inspection. However, now there will be two options for woodware products arriving in New Zealand. These are

- 1) Fumigation in the country of origin prior to shipment (with a compliant offshore fumigation certificate).
- 2) MPI inspection on arrival with any treatment decisions made at that time on a case-by-case basis.

This means all TFs importing goods under the above standard must have approval to receive timber products. Any TF that does not have approval to receive timber products will be required to apply for an upgrade to their TF Approval in order to receive woodware products in the future.

Note that agents and importers who have woodware products currently en route to New Zealand (from 4 September to 1 November 2017) where the TF is not approved to receive timber products may request an urgent upgrade to the TF approval. MPI will assess each request on a case-by-case basis and provide the options to facilitate the clearance of goods. Any request for an urgent TF upgrade must be submitted to the Target Evaluation team via one of the following email addresses: sheree.langford@mpi.govt.nz or paul.gibb@mpi.govt.nz

Delay in sending AP and ATF Certificates

We are experiencing delays with producing ATF and AP certificates due to a high volume of applications. Certificates will be issued in due course and we appreciate your patience and co-operation at this time. Note that once an AP has completed their training and submitted the relevant forms to MPI, they can be considered approved (although there may be a delay in gaining access to the Container Check Portal).



Update on How to Choose a Suitable Insecticide Aerosol for Sea Containers

The TFGEN Guidance Document and the MPI website for suitable insecticides for use with sea containers has been amended due to rebranding and reformulating of some common insecticide aerosols. The list of suitable dual action (i.e. residual and knock-down) aerosols has been replaced by a table of active ingredients. A suitable product to use will contain at least one active ingredient in the minimum amounts from both columns. The table below can be found on the MPI website:

<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/transitional-and-containment-facilities/treatment-suppliers/>

Knock-down (minimum single or combined amount: 1 g/kg)	Residual (minimum single or combined amount: .5 g/kg)
Tetramethrin d-Phenothrin Esbiothrin d-Allethrin	Permethrin Cyphenothrin

NB: Bicycloheptene dicarboximide and piperonyl butoxide are propellants/synergists and do not have insecticide properties.



If you see live arthropods (insects, mites or spiders) in a container, spray an aerosol insecticide in the container to prevent them from escaping. If you suspect that a container is infested with multiple arthropods, spray aerosol insecticide toward the top of the container for a minimum of 12 seconds (based on a 20 foot container) before closing it for at least 30 minutes.

Call MPI's pest and diseases hotline (0800 80 99 66) to report the find and get advice on what to do. If your TF has to meet food safety requirements for chemicals, these take precedence over aerosol spray requirements. If a particular insecticide aerosol that has been specified in the TF Operating Manual does not meet the dual action requirements, please amend the manual according. To ask about the suitability of a particular aerosol or an active ingredient not listed in the table, email standards@mpi.govt.nz

Report Contamination through the Container Checks Portal

As mentioned previously, on 1 July 2017 MPI will no longer accept faxed hardcopy log sheets sent to the Target Evaluation Team (TET) for processing. MPI now requires all contamination reporting from APs to be sent to the Container Checks Portal (<https://containerchecks.maf.govt.nz>). APs only need to send MPI a record when they actually find contamination or if live pests such as arthropods are found and they have dealt with the interception or called MPI (0800 80 99 66). For access, email MPI to arrange a log-in or a new password to the Container Checks Portal. Note that when your AP training has expired, you will no longer be able to log into the website again until the training has been completed and the training expiry date has been updated. For any queries, please contact the TET Team Manager Dunja.Hassencamp@mpi.govt.nz

Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Border Notification

The 2016/17 BMSB season was extremely successful with numerous interceptions managed at the border. MPI thanks you and your staff (APs and TF Operators) for doing such a great job as about 50% of BMSB intercepted were found post-border at TFs. From mid-September 2017 until 30 April 2018, MPI will increase targeted interventions and verification inspections of containers (and break-bulk items) for BMSB from the countries as follows:

Hungary and Italy: Due to the increased populations of BMSB in these countries, FCLs originating and shipped from Hungary and Italy may be targeted this season for inspection and a range of additional measures may be



put in place. An urgent amendment to the IHS for Vehicles, Machinery and Tyres (including Parts) was made on 25 August and now includes targeted management of vehicles, machinery and other equipment (including tyres) from Italy during the Northern Hemisphere risk season.

Designated Ports in the USA: MPI will target FCL on 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 while ensuring biosecurity protection is optimised. Accordingly, impacted areas may be adjusted by MPI at short notice according to changing risk profiles. MPI will endeavour to keep you informed of any updates.

The Target Evaluation Team has reviewed the alerts on these risk tariffs. This has resulted in a few additions to the list of goods with BMSB exemption. MPI intends to focus mainly on large, complex items (risk goods), as these items have areas, cavities or spaces that could shelter BMSB aggregations. For this reason, the following items (subject to size and prior use considerations) are now to be excluded from specific management requirements for BMSB under the IHS for Vehicles, Machinery and Tyres (including Parts) as they do not have the capacity to shelter these aggregations.

- a. All air freighted items.
- b. Brand new (un-field tested) items as listed below that are packaged, in cartons or on pallets immediately after manufacture or subsequently packaged in impervious packaging and shipped in containers for direct retail or wholesale sale. This includes; *Bakery, food processing and restaurant equipment; Bicycles/bicycle parts; Boat parts; Car parts; Children's toys (e.g. skateboards); Exercise equipment (e.g. rowing machines/treadmills); Filters; Hand tools/hardware and home handyman items; Household appliances (and parts thereof) (e.g. vacuums, washing machines); Laboratory equipment (except for the large used units; Motor bikes/scooters, quad bikes and parts of these items; New tyres (containerised); Non-motorised children's scooters; Power tools for domestic or home handyman use.*

See the fact sheet to keep your staff aware of the potential impact of this high risk hitchhiker threat. <http://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bug>. With your continued support we can make the 2017/18 season equally successful. If you have any questions, please contact the TET Team Manager Dunja.Hassencamp@mpi.govt.nz

TF & Operator Application 'Brown Out' Period

As with previous years, MPI will not be processing any new facility or TF Operator applications received from Monday 27 November until Friday 19 January. This is due to MPI staff members being deployed elsewhere over that period. However, MTF applications will still be processed (except between 23 December and 5 January).

Agent/Broker Monitoring

It has been reported that some agents or brokers are purposely sending containers to the incorrect TF. When this is identified, MPI will refer the agent or broker to MPI enforcement to investigate. Such deliberate non-compliance may lead to prosecution under the Biosecurity Act 1993.

Email MPI at seacontainer@mpi.govt.nz if you have any comments or questions about APs or TFOs.

MPI Contact Details

- General Inquiries: 0800 00 83 33
- Biosecurity Import Clearances: 0800 22 20 18
- Exotic Pest and Disease Hotline: 0800 80 99 66
- International Caller Number: 64 04 894 0100
- TFs & Containment Facilities go to:
<http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/border-clearance/transitional-and-containment-facilities/>

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