



Biosecurity Import Requirements for All Vehicles, Vessels, Conveyances and Farm Machinery to Fiji (New/Used)

1. Introduction

- 1.1** In accordance with the Biosecurity Act -2008, Vehicles and machinery are classified as regulated items.
- 1.2** Regulated items are those that may be associated with biosecurity risks of foreign origin, thus being screened and monitored for entry into the country.
- 1.3** No import permit is required for importation into Fiji from any overseas country.
- 1.4** The following categories of equipment are classified under used machinery, vessels, conveyances and equipment and thus are regulated items:
- New/Used Agricultural Machinery and Implements.
 - New/ Used Vehicles, vessels and conveyances of any type (self-propelled or not, like buggies and carriages).
 - Used Vehicle and machinery parts.
 - Used Earth Moving Machinery.
 - Used Processing Machinery.
 - Used tyres, wheels, castors and tracks or items for aiding movement.
- 1.5** A biosecurity clearance, pursuant to section 32 of the Biosecurity Act 2008, will be issued when vehicles/ machinery/ tyres and conveyances meet all the requirements as stipulated in the Biosecurity Import Specification.

2. Biosecurity requirements

All vehicles/ machinery/ tyres, and conveyances, whether new or used, imported into Fiji must be clean, both internally and externally, and free of any seeds, soil, water reservoirs, animal and plant debris, and other biosecurity risk materials prior to arrival.

3. Specific Requirements

- 3.1** The goods must be clean and free of any seeds, soil, animal and plant debris and other biosecurity risk material prior to arrival.
- 3.1.1** The important points to check include:
- I.** between dual wheels/rims, muffler surrounds, wheel guards and mud flaps and guards.
 - II.** spare tyres, toolbox, tracks carrier compartment and track frames.
 - III.** turret pivot areas and axle beams.

- IV. engine bays where grease and oil stains may accumulate, soil, seeds and plant matter in the residue may accumulate.
- V. radiators and coolers.
- VI. the underside of the machinery (guards and belly plates should be removed for cleaning).
- VII. hollows, crevices and exposed welded plates.
- VIII. the interior of the cab, including the seats and glove compartments.

3.2 Any packaging used with the consignment should be clean and new.

3.3 Wooden and timber packaging to comply with ISPM 15 requirements.

3.4 All tyres, and especially cracked tyres have the risk of containing biosecurity risk material. It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that tyres are imported free from biosecurity risk material, and if contamination is found, appropriate actions (remedial cleaning or possible disinfection) will be required. This requirement applies to all used and contaminated tyres imported either on machines or loose.

4. Additional Requirements Against Targeted Pests (Brown Marmorated Sting Bug)

4.1 All new and used vehicles and machinery imported into Fiji must be treated with:

EITHER

A. Fumigation

Methyl bromide gas (48g/m³ for 24 hours at 10-15 °C or 40g/m³ for 24 hours at 16-2 °C or 32g/m³ for above 21 °C for 24 hours).

Treatment Requirements

- All used vehicle parts must be containerised and fumigated. Where the same container is used with different consignments, the used vehicle parts need to be fumigated separately before being loaded. **Where fumigation failed in the exporting country, the whole container is subjected to fumigation.**
- All used tyres (deflated or not on rims) and vessels must be either fumigated or steam cleaned.
- All wooden and timber packaging materials to be treated (Methyl bromide fumigation) with the used vehicle and machinery.

OR

B. Heat Treatment

Treatments for all vehicles and machinery must be conducted within 120 hours prior to departure from the port of export at any of the following rates:

- I. Heat treatment at 60°C for 10 minutes for items weighing less than 3,000kg.
- II. Heat treatment at 60°C for 20 minutes for items weighing more than 3,000kg.

OR

C. Fogging with Residual insecticide.

- I. Bifenthrin (applied at the highest label rate available), or
- II. Cyphenothrin (applied at the highest label rate available), or
- III. Permethrin (applied at the highest label rate available), or
- IV. Silafluofen (applied at the highest label rate available).

Treatment Requirements

- Insecticide spray should be applied to all external surfaces and compartments of vehicles and machinery, especially underneath and in and around areas and cavities capable of hiding insects, such as engine bays, openings, panels that are hollow and vents.
- The insecticide spray should be applied to clean, dry vehicles and machinery no more than 10 days before being loaded onto a vessel for export to Fiji. This should be the last treatment applied before loading.
- Insecticide spraying should be conducted using either a compressed air spray gun, pressure retaining sprayer or fogging apparatus capable of applying the highest label rate of one of the above insecticides.
- Two insecticide spray applications should be applied as **light even coats only**, so it does not stream or run off.

Note: All treated vehicles and machinery shall leave the origin port within 10 days after treatment, OR they will be subjected to another treatment, as treatment is valid for 10 days only.

5. Mandatory Requirements

- 5.1** Steam or high-pressure Cleaning for any contamination (All cleaning to be offshore).
- 5.2** Vacuumed, if the interior is contaminated, with the residues collected and disposed off.

6. Shipping Company Responsibilities

- 6.1** Ensure that consignments meeting the import requirements as stipulated in **Sections 3, 4 and 5** are met before the consignment is loaded on the ship from the exporting country and that all original treatment and cleaning documents are produced to them for their verification for acceptance of the shipments on board to Fiji.
- 6.2** The Fiji consigned cargo should be stowed on board the vessels as such to avoid as much cross-contamination as possible.
- 6.3** Operators of vessels carrying break-bulk vehicles and machinery should install at least one insect light trap (which attracts and contains insects) per individual storage level in each hold to show that storage areas of the vessels are as free as possible of regulated pests. The light traps should also be made available for inspection by BAF upon arrival in Fiji.

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7. Biosecurity Inspection at Port of Entry

- 7.1 All imported vehicles and machinery consignments will require an inspection by a BAF Officer, and the Inspection will be conducted as per the Standard Operating Procedure. Any consignments found to be unacceptably contaminated will not be allowed entry into the country unless all risks have been mitigated. Where risk cannot be contained through available treatments, the consignment is to be re-exported immediately or as soon as practicable at the importer's cost.
- 7.2 All residual water to be disinfected via the addition of insecticides, stirred and left for the minimum waiting period, as per instructions on the label, then discharged appropriately under direct BAF supervision.
- 7.3 If any live insects are found during the inspection, BAF officers will contain the incursion, remedially treat if possible and send the sample for identification.
- 7.4 Consignments contaminated with low levels of biosecurity risk material will be subject to steam cleaning, high-pressure cleaning, and disinfection. If animal material is present, the contaminated areas must be disinfected, residues collected and steam cleaned. All residues are to be disposed in an appropriate way (incinerated) under direct BAF supervision, and all costs are to be borne by the importer.
- 7.5 All Consignments will be inspected by a BAF officer following treatment.
- 7.6 After inspection and any required cleaning/treatment, all consignments that present no biosecurity risk may be released from quarantine.
- 7.7 Under the Biosecurity Act 2008, fees, fines and charges are payable to the Biosecurity Authority of Fiji.

8. Interception of Pest on arrival

- A. Vessels upon berthing at any port of entry in Fiji, intercepted with live pests, will be mitigated through an appropriate treatment regime.

9. Documentary Requirements

- 9.1 A Certificate of Treatment to be prepared and endorsed by the treatment provider and certified correct by the NPPO of the exporting country; that must be surrendered to BAF while clearing the consignment at the first port of entry in Fiji.

10. Transit Cargo

All cargo transiting for more than 10 days in a country with targeted quarantine pests will be subjected to the requirements stipulated in Number 4. **Additional Requirements Against Targeted Pests (Brown Marmorated Stink Bug).**

11. An equivalence will be recognised for vehicles and machinery imported into Fiji under the New Zealand Ministry for Primary Industries (NZMPI) or the Australian Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) approved BMSB mitigation pathways,

including prescribed treatment protocols, provided such consignments are accompanied by valid documentary evidence issued by the respective authorities.

12. Targeted Pests

12.1 Brown Marmorated Stink Bug

Season: September 01 - April 30

Country:

China (heightened vessel surveillance only)

Canada (heightened vessel surveillance only)

Japan (treatment)

Republic of Korea (heightened vessel surveillance only),

Republic of Taiwan (heightened vessel surveillance only),

United States of America (heightened vessel surveillance only),

Italy (heightened vessel surveillance only)

All vehicles/ machinery/ tyres, whether new or used, imported into Fiji must satisfactorily meet the Import Requirements to receive Biosecurity Clearance.

Note: No Import Permit is required for importation.