



## Notice to Industry

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### Commencement of Burnt Pine Longicorn (BPL) season in New Zealand

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Biosecurity New Zealand (MAF BNZ) has advised the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) that the 2008-2009 flight season of the [Burnt Pine Longicorn beetle](#) (also known as BPL or *Arhopalus tristis* or *Arhopalusferus*) commenced on 4 November 2008.

MAF BNZ will commence treatment of timber from all New Zealand ports and cease night loading except for the port of Auckland (subject to monitoring) as of 4 November 2008.

#### Certification requirements:

1. A Phytosanitary Certificate must be issued by MAF BNZ. This certificate may be electronically generated, and must certify that either:
  - a) Containerised timber was packed and sealed prior to the commencement of Burnt Pine Longicorn season;
  - b) All consignments covered by the certificate have been treated in accordance with the AQIS/MAF agreement for the elimination of Burnt Pine Longicorn (BPL);
  - c) All consignments covered by the certificate have been treated in accordance with one of the following:
    - Methyl bromide fumigation at 48g/m<sup>3</sup> for 12 hours at a minimum temperature of 15°C;
    - Methyl bromide fumigation at 56g/m<sup>3</sup> for 12 hours at a minimum temperature of 10°C;
    - Insecticidal Pestigas, Permigas or Pybuthrin 33, applied at a dosage rate of 50g/100m<sup>3</sup>.**Note:** 'Pestigas' treatment is acceptable for consignments of panel products and timber mouldings only.
2. Consignments of New Zealand timber that arrive in Australia without acceptable evidence of BPL treatment, from ports currently requiring treatment, will be subject to one of the following:
  - a) Methyl bromide fumigation at 48g/m<sup>3</sup> for 12 hours at a minimum temperature of 15°C;
  - b) Methyl bromide fumigation at 56g/m<sup>3</sup> for 12 hours at a minimum temperature of 10°C;
  - c) Insecticidal Pestigas, Permigas or Pybuthrin 33, applied at a dosage rate of 50g/100m<sup>3</sup>.**Note:** 'Pestigas' treatment is acceptable for consignments of panel products and timber mouldings only);
  - d) A full inspection to confirm the absence of live BPL beetles.**Note:** These inspections are in addition to normal surveillance requirements. Charges for individual inspections are to be invoiced to the importer.

**Inspection requirements for timber and vessels carrying timber from affected NZ ports:**

1. At the first port of call, BPL surveillance must be undertaken during day light hours on discharged and on-board cargo. Ship surveillance (i.e. deck walk over) is also required.
2. All consignments shipped in solid six sided containers are exempt from BPL surveillance.  
**Note:** Surveillance will be charged at fee for service rates to the shipping lines.

**Further information**

For further clarification please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre in the AQIS Victorian Regional Office on 03 8318 6929 or email at [timber.imports@aqis.gov.au](mailto:timber.imports@aqis.gov.au).