

GAMAA AGM - Save the date Thursday 30 August 2018

The 54th GAMAA AGM will be held on Thursday 30 August at 1.15pm at Ai Group, L2. 441 St Kilda Road, Melbourne. A light lunch will be provided before the commencement of the AGM. More information will be provided closer to this date.

Brown Marmorate Stink Bug - Biosecurity (Import Australia)

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You may or may not be aware of the impending changes on sea freight from some EU countries and the USA. You need to be aware of the changes to onshore fumigation for Brown Marmorate Stink Bug (BMSB) as it may impact your products and your business.

The Brown Marmorate Stink Bug is not found in Australia and is a hitchhiker in containers, machinery, bulk freight and packages.

The stink bug is spreading in the EU, Russia, Japan and the USA, and it severely damages fruit and vegetable crops. They shelter in vehicles, homes, caravans, factories, etc to escape the winter.

The BMSB season is September – April and arrive in Australia on cargo and in containers. To help prevent this biosecurity risk, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has been working on strategies to prevent their entry and support ongoing trade.

Your products may require offshore fumigation which will be a requirement for any imports **that sail after September 1.**

DAWR have provided information regarding the bug and how the department will be treating it. PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED LINK TO ENSURE YOU ARE AWARE OF YOUR OBLIGATIONS <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/pests/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>

The countries currently effected are:

- USA
- Italy
- Germany
- France
- Russia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Romania
- Georgia
- Japan (heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied)

Please contact your customs broker or freight forwarder, they should be able to assist you with further information.

If you are unsure, please contact Carolyn Macgill, Ai Group's Manager Association Services direct: Mobile 0401 963 013, Email carolyn.macgill@aigroup.com.au , who will endeavor to assist you as much as possible.

Gas Energy Australia - Safe+Connect project update

GEA has been working with members of the GTRC and GAMAA to prepare a project proposal to Standards Australia which would see both the valve and the QCC become the standard for new cylinders and gas appliances and steel cylinders being tested every 10 years and composite cylinders every 5 years, this will ensure an orderly transition to a new QCC valve over a 10-year cycle.

The proposed change would be facilitated through amendments to relevant Australian Standards, specifying the valve in AS2473.2 – Cylinder valves, the spigot in AS4627 – Quick Connect Device for gas appliances (Minimum flow rate required 300 MJ per hour which would limit Australia to only one QCC connection type), and modifying other standards as appropriate to limit adaptor use and remove inconsistencies. These would include – AS/NZS1596 – Storage and Handling of LP Gas as required for LPG supply, AS/NZS5601 Gas Installations part 1 and 2 and gas appliance standards where appropriate. More information will be provided to GAMAA members as it comes to hand.



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