

Army Transportation Command

Customer and Carrier Advisory

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Subject: Seasonal Flighted Spongy Moth Complex (FSMC) precautionary notice pertaining to cargo originating in INDOPACOM AOR – Far East.

Purpose: Increased situational awareness for carriers, shippers, and ARTRANS Booking Offices to take necessary precautions for the peak FSMC egg-laying period 15 May through 15 October.

Be Advised: Per US Department of Agriculture (USDA) guidance, all commercial vessels that have called on areas regulated for FSMC during the specified risk periods, as outlined in Table 1, are to be inspected and certified as free of FSMC by a recognized certification body.

Table 1. Regulated Areas and Specified Risk Periods

Country	SRP Region	Prefecture	Specified Risk Periods
Japan	Northern	Hokkaido, Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Akita, Yamagata, Fukushima	June 15 – October 15
Japan	Western (2021) Central (2022)	Niigata, Toyama, Ishikawa	June 1 – September 30
Japan	Eastern (2021) Central (2022)	Fukui, Ibaraki, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Shizuoka, Aichi, Mie	June 1 – September 30
Japan	Southern	Wakayama, Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Tottori, Shimane, Okayama, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Kagawa, Tokushima, Ehime, Kochi, Fukuoka, Oita, Saga, Nagasaki, Miyazaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima	May 15 – August 31
	Far southern	Okinawa	May 25 – June 30 (no change)
Russia	Far east	N/A	June 15 – October 15
China	On or north of 31° 15'N latitude	N/A	June 1 – September 30 (no change)
Republic of Korea	All areas	N/A	June 1 – September 30 (no change)

Recognized Certification Bodies are as follows:

Table 2. Approved Certifiers in FSMC High-risk Area

Region of Port	Certifiers
Far East Russian ports	Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation
South Korea	International Plant Quarantine Accreditation Board (IPAB)
China	China Certification and Inspection Group, LTD
Japan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ All Nippon Checkers Corporation (ANCC) ◆ Hokkaido Bouekikunjyo Co., LTD (HBKC) ◆ Hokuriku Port Service Co., Ltd. (HPS) ◆ Intertek Testing Services (Australia) Pty Limited (Pty Ltd) ◆ Japan Cargo Tally Corporation (JCTC) ◆ Japan Export Vehicle Inspection Center Co., Ltd. (JEVIC) ◆ Japan Grain Inspection Association (JGIA) ◆ Kanto Fumigation Co., Ltd (KFCO) ◆ Keiyochiku Plant Quarantine Association (KPQA) ◆ Kobe Plant Quarantine Association (KOBEPQA) ◆ Kyoritsu Sanitary Co., Ltd. (KRS) ◆ Muroran & Tomakomai Plant Quarantine Association (MTPQA) ◆ NAVREX & Corporation (NRX) ◆ Nikkun Co., Ltd (NCL) ◆ Nippon Kaiji Kentei Kyokai (NKKK) ◆ Okayama-Ken Plant Quarantine Association (OKYPQA) ◆ Osaka Plant Quarantine Association (OPQA) ◆ Osaka Timber Quarantine Association (OSKTQA) ◆ Shin Nihon Kentei Kyokai (SNKK) ◆ Techno Kasei Co., Ltd. (TKL) ◆ Tokai Plant Quarantine Association (TOKAIPQA) ◆ Tokyo Plant Quarantine Association (TPQA) ◆ Yokohama Plant Protection Association (YPPA)

Failure to abide by these requirements may result in relocation to international waters before the issue is resolved and US Customs and Border Patrol would be able to re-inspect. Noticeable delays for both military and commercial cargo would be expected in these instances.

For shippers, please review the USDA FSMC guidance to ensure cargo is adequately maintained prior to carrier possession.

For USC carriers, all necessary precautions prior to carrier possession of military cargo must be relayed to shipper personnel in accordance with the Universal Services Contract, and USDA FSMC guidance for both cargo and vessels. FSMC seasonal measures will apply to targeted goods manufactured in or shipped from target risk countries including vessels that berth, load, or transship from within the same period.

For booking offices, ensure both shippers and USC carriers remain vigilant in maintaining their respective timelines in accordance with the criteria provided on the USDA FSMC website listed below.

USDA FSMC guidance: https://www.aphis.usda.gov/sites/default/files/procedures-ships-arriving-from-flighted-spongy-moth-complex-areas_4.pdf

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