

BMSB SEASON 2024-2025

The Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) Australia has published updated guidelines for upcoming seasonal measures period, starting 1 September 2024 to 30 April 2025 (inclusive). These guidelines apply to any target high-risk, or target risk goods manufactured in or shipped from a target risk country during the BMSB season.

WHAT HAS CHANGED IN THE NEW UPDATE?

- This year, China and the Republic of Korea have been added to the heightened vessel surveillance list
- The AusTreat Pre-Border biosecurity treatment provider scheme has been introduced
- The Vessel Seasonal Pest Scheme (VSPS), an alternative vessel clearance pathway for ro-ro vessels that existed in previous seasons, has been removed.

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FREMANTLE - PORT STRIKE CANCELLED

The planned 48-hour strike at Fremantle Ports, which was scheduled to start last Sunday, 25 August, has been cancelled following successful negotiations between Fremantle Ports and Marine Services employees.

Vessel Traffic Services Officers and Small Craft Masters were set to begin industrial action at 5:30 am on Sunday over employment terms. However, the strike did not proceed after an in-principle agreement was reached on Friday, 23 August, local media reported.

Fremantle Ports CEO Jodie Ransom praised the resolution, stating, "This is a positive outcome that will ensure there is no disruption to shipping lines, importers, exporters, and the public. It shows that respectful negotiation can deliver good results for everyone involved."

With the strike called off, operations at Fremantle Port continued as usual, avoiding any potential delays or disruptions.

