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Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

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

The Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Biosecurity New Zealand (MAF BNZ) has advised the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service (AQIS) that the 2011-2012 flight season of the Burnt Pine Longicorn beetle (also known as BPL or *Arhopalus tristis* or *Arhopalus fesus*) **commenced for ALL New Zealand ports as of dusk Monday 31 October 2011.**

BPL is a serious forestry pest that was introduced to New Zealand in the mid-1950s. Since its introduction BPL has established throughout the North Island, and can be found as far south as Timaru in the South Island. It is known to attack logs, stumps, and standing dead or dying pine trees and the adult beetle is known to take shelter amongst sawn and manufactured timber products during the November – April flight season. While no immediate damage is caused to imported timber commodities, the association of BPL with these commodities creates a possible pathway entry into Australia.

Biosecurity New Zealand (MAF BNZ), in consultation with AQIS, has developed an export risk management system that manages the biosecurity risk of BPL establishing in Australia via imported sawn and/or manufactured timber products from New Zealand.

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 dusk Monday 31 October 2011.

Certification requirements:

1. A Phytosanitary Certificate must be issued by (MAF BNZ) for all commercial consignments of sawn and/or manufactured timber products exported from New Zealand. This certificate may be electronically generated, and must certify that either:

- a) Containerised timber was packed and sealed prior to the commencement of BPL season;
or
- b) All consignments covered by the certificate have been treated in accordance with the AQIS/MAF agreement for the elimination of BPL; or
- c) All consignments covered by the certificate have been treated in accordance with one of the following:
 - Methyl bromide fumigation at 48g/m³ for 12 hours at a minimum temperature of 15°C; or

- Methyl bromide fumigation at 56g/m³ for 12 hours at a minimum temperature of 10°C; or
- Insecticidal Pestigas, Permigas or Pybuthrin 33, applied at a dosage rate of 50g/100m³.

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 Phytosanitary certification, will be subject to onshore inspection or treatment.

Inspection requirements for timber and vessels carrying timber from affected New Zealand 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:

If you require further information or assistance please contact the Timber and Timber Products National Co-ordination Centre on telephone, 03 8318 6929, by fax on 03 8318 6777 or via email, timber.imports@aqis.gov.au.