

“Leadership is working with goals and vision; management is working with objectives.”

— [Russel Honore](#)

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Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

Australia and Indonesia announced the substantive conclusion of negotiations on the Indonesia -Australia Closer Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA) on 31 August 2018. This agreement will launch a new chapter in economic relations between Australia and Indonesia.

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ABOUT IA-CEPA

Australia and Indonesia reactivated negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement in March 2016, after the launch of negotiations in 2010. In fostering economic cooperation between businesses, communities and individuals, IA-CEPA creates a framework for Australia and Indonesia to unlock the vast potential of the bilateral economic partnership.

Indonesia is a growing market for Australian goods and services exporters. In 2017, total two-way trade in goods and services with Indonesia was worth \$16.4 billion, making Indonesia our 13th largest trading partner. IA-CEPA will provide Australian and Indonesian businesses an opportunity to expand and diversify this economic partnership.

IA-CEPA builds on commitments under our existing free trade agreement, the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (AANZFTA) across goods, services and investment.

In addition to reducing non-tariff barriers to trade and simplifying paperwork, IA-CEPA will allow 99% of Australia's goods exports to enter Indonesia duty free or with significantly improved preferential arrangements. All Indonesia's goods exports will enter Australia duty free.

As one of the fastest growing economies in the Indo-Pacific, Indonesia presents a significant opportunity for Australian businesses. By some estimates, Indonesia will be the world's fifth-largest economy by 2030, and IA-CEPA ensures that Australia is well-placed to deepen economic cooperation and share in Indonesia's growth.



DAWR—Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Measures 2018-2019 ...

The Department of Agriculture has provided preliminary advice on this year's Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) season. New seasonal measures will apply for goods shipped on or between **1 September 2018 to 30 April 2019**.

MEASURES

The proposed seasonal measures apply to certain goods shipped as sea cargo from target risk countries.

As soon as seasonal measures have been finalised, we will publish information in the News & Updates section on our website. This will include applicable goods and countries, as well as specific treatment rates (chemicals, temperatures and duration).

Draft measures include:

- Heightened surveillance on all roll-on/roll-off (ro-ro) and general cargo vessels with pre-arrival reporting through a questionnaire and daily checks for BMSB
- Heightened surveillance to identify high-risk vessels to be directed for inspection or treatment
- Mandatory offshore treatment for target high-risk goods
- Increased onshore intervention for target risk goods
- **Export or destruction of target high-risk goods requiring mandatory offshore treatment and arriving untreated, unless exceptional circumstances are granted.**

Target risk countries

- USA
- Italy
- Germany
- France
- Russia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Romania
- Georgia
- Japan (heightened vessel surveillance only)



DAWR cont...

Target high-risk goods

- Break bulk, including vehicles, machinery, equipment and parts
- Bricks, tiles, ceramics, steel, stone and cement
- Goods likely to be stored in a manner that provides access for BMSB to overwinter

Target risk goods

- Chemicals, chemical products, salt, minerals, fertilisers
- Plastics, wadding, tyres
- Wood pulp, printed matter, straw, paper, cardboard

Exempted goods

Seasonal measures do not apply to goods not identified as 'target high-risk' and 'target risk'.

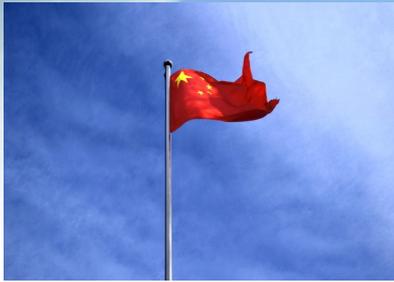
Treatment options

- Sulfuryl fluoride (SF) fumigation - **there are new dosage and duration requirements**
- Heat treatment
- Methyl bromide fumigation

Note: Heat treatment may damage product or packaging (typically 55 degrees at the core). Methyl Bromide is a CFC gas which is banned in the US and Europe. Sulfuryl Fluoride is the only real option for pre-shipment fumigation.



New Report shows China is the leading maritime nation



China is the top international shipping nation according to a new report presented by DNV GL and Menon Economics at SMM trade fair in Hamburg on September 5.

The study, entitled “The Leading Maritime Nations of the World”, benchmarks the 30 leading maritime nations around the world in four key maritime pillars: shipping, finance and law, maritime technology and ports & logistics, in an attempt to understand the key drivers behind national maritime success.

The new report follows up the 2017 report by Menon and DNV GL on the “Leading Maritime Capitals of the World” but shifts the focus to an extensive review of the maritime industry at the national level.

As explained, the 30 nations were ranked by size and magnitude on all four key maritime pillars and their subgroups. As the shipping sector is the main engine of the entire maritime industry, more weight was given to the shipping sector.

The 2018 report ranks China as the world’s leading maritime nation, due to its top four ranking in all of the maritime pillars. China’s position is particularly strong on the ports and logistics pillar, with the world’s largest container and bulk ports.

“The strength of China is overwhelming, particularly on the pillar of ports and logistics, but also in shipping,” Erik W. Jakobsen, Managing Partner in Menon Economics and co-author of the report, said.

“It should not surprise us, though, since China is the largest exporting and importing country of the world. The other economic superpower, USA, follows China on the ranking, with major ports and maritime cities both on the east and west coast,” he added.

The USA is placed second, scoring high on all four dimensions, followed by Japan.

Germany, Norway and South Korea, share the fourth place. Germany’s strength lies in its consistency, with a top five spot in three categories, whereas Norway has its strongest position within maritime finance & law and maritime technology. South Korea scores top in maritime technology and is among the top 10 in shipping and ports & logistics.



UK-Australia Trade Working Group Joint Statement

In mid-July, the Australia-UK Trade Working Group met in London on 25 and 26 July 2018. This was the Group's fourth meeting since it was established in September 2016 by the Rt Hon Dr Liam Fox MP, the United Kingdom's Secretary of State for International Trade and President of the Board of Trade and the Hon Steven Ciobo MP, Australia's Minister for Trade, Tourism, and Investment.

Delegations were led by officials from the UK's Department of International Trade (DIT) and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT). It was attended by representatives from a range of UK and Australian government departments.

Discussions continued to focus on the UK and Australia's future trade and investment relationship; a recognition of the shared ambition, after the UK leaves the European Union, to start bilateral FTA negotiations. Conversations built upon the previous Trade Working Groups, with officials continuing to develop a deep and shared understanding of each other's domestic systems and trade policy across a number of areas.

The Trade Working Group also provided an opportunity for the UK to set out the work under way to establish its independent trade policy. Officials discussed the recently announced UK consultations on future free trade agreements, of which Australia is one of three prospective bilateral deals where the public's views are sought.

Finally, the Working Group affirmed the UK and Australia's shared desire to promote and continue to champion Free Trade and a robust multilateral trading system.



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Operations Director, Brad Phillips, attended a special gala function to receive Cargo Network's Certificate of Accreditation.



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