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Memo to: Chamber of Shipping  
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Shipping Federation of Canada (West)  
MCTS (Prince Rupert, Victoria)  
Metro Vancouver Port Authority  
CFIA Prince Rupert / CFIA Victoria

**Re: 2017 Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) Entry Policy for Ships**

The high risk period for AGM introduction via ships entering Western Canadian ports begins **March 1, 2017**. The policy (D-95-03) is available online:  
<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-95-03e.shtml>.

As a reminder:

- Agents must notify CFIA of a high risk vessel's arrival **96 hours** in advance of arriving in Canadian waters. When the appropriate paperwork has been provided, the CFIA will send the agent electronic confirmation that the vessel may enter.
- Vessels arriving without advance notification and/or certification are considered non-compliant and are subject to enforcement action
- Regulated vessels inspected for AGM are subject to applicable fees as listed in the CFIA Fees Notice (8f)
- All vessels entering Canadian waters are subject to a frequency of inspection.

Vessels which have met requirements of Section 2.1 of D-95-03 **AND** are found free of AGM after inspection by United States Customs and Border Protection (US-CBP) may enter a Canadian port without inspection, provided that the US-CBP report of inspection is presented to CFIA in conjunction with arrival notification. Vessels that do not present the US-CBP Report in advance are still subject to inspection and related fees.

We recommend agents and stakeholders advise crews to maintain good ship cleaning practices such as minimizing rust, storing excess equipment, and clearing debris from the outer decks of vessels, as this will help reduce the chance of AGM infestation while in regulated areas. This helps to minimize sheltered surface area where egg masses may be deposited, and also improves the efficacy of the AGM certification inspection and vessel self-inspection. In addition, this will reduce the inspection time at arrival in Canada and allow the CFIA maximum access to vessel structure to assist in compliance decisions.



New for 2017:

- The CFIA Ports of Call list format is no longer requested. Vessels/agents may provide their 2 years Ports of Call list in their preferred format.
- Pre-Arrival Notice: A standardized Pre-Arrival Notice to be submitted by vessels/agents with the vessel's AGM certificate and Ports of Call list as their 96 hours pre-arrival notification. This Pre-Arrival Notice will help to improve and expedite communications between vessels/agents and the local CFIA AGM Vessel Monitoring Unit.
- The concession that had been provided to ships bunkering at anchorage in a few regulated ports in Korea where there had been reports that AGM inspection services could not be obtained at certain times of the year will no longer be in effect. Please see the *Policy Clarification: Canadian Asian Gypsy Moth Requirements* enclosed for more information.

Please note that all marine vessels entering Canada must be free from all life stages of AGM. Upon inspection, if an inspector is not satisfied that the risk of introducing AGM can be mitigated, the vessel will be ordered out of Canadian waters and refused entry for up to two years during the AGM risk period for Canada or until the ship meets the requirements specified in Section 2.1 of D-95-03.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact our office at [bc.agm@inspection.gc.ca](mailto:bc.agm@inspection.gc.ca) or 604-292-5812.

Regards,

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## Policy Clarification: Canadian Asian Gypsy Moth Requirements

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Asian gypsy moth (AGM) is a serious plant pest that can be carried on ships and cargo. AGM populations are prevalent in some seaport areas in Far East Russia, Japan, Korea, and Northern China, and those areas are regulated for AGM. If introduced, AGM could have significant negative impacts on the North American agriculture forestry and environment sectors, commerce that relies on those sectors, and access of Canadian products to foreign markets.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) has received questions from the shipping industry regarding the inclusion of bunkering locations in the areas regulated for AGM. This memorandum clarifies that inspection and certification for AGM is required if vessels have called on those areas during the specified risk period. The Canadian AGM policy does not exempt bunkering locations—including those at anchorage sites—from this requirement.

While the AGM policy does not exempt bunkering locations, a concession was provided to ships bunkering at anchorage in a few regulated ports in Korea where there had been reports that AGM inspection services could not be obtained at certain times of the year. This concession was provided to vessels visiting a port in Korea exclusively to bunker at anchorage. The CFIA has confirmed with the National Plant Protection Organizations in all areas regulated for AGM that inspection and certification services can be delivered at all locations regulated for AGM, including bunkering sites at anchor.

Vessels should obtain inspection and certification from all locations in the regulated area, including when bunkering at anchorage within these areas.

- For vessels which called on Korean bunkering sites at anchorage in 2016 and did not obtain certification, an exemption will be granted if these vessels arrive in Canada during the 2017 season and appropriate certification has been obtained from all other required locations.
- However, vessels calling on bunkering locations at anchor in 2017 are expected to be inspected and certified if they will be calling on Canada during the Canadian high risk period.
- Vessels that call on bunkering locations at anchor in 2017 and arrive in Canada during the high risk period without required AGM certification will be considered non-compliant.

For full details on the Canadian Asian gypsy moth requirements, please refer to *D-95-03: Plant protection policy for marine vessels arriving in Canada from areas regulated for Asian Gypsy moth* which can be found here: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/plants/plant-pests-invasive-species/directives/date/d-95-03/eng/1321945111492/1321945344965>