

Virtual Seminar for Japanese Vehicle and Machinery Manufacturers/Exporters

Ensuring Compliance with the Import Health Standard
for Vehicles, Machinery and Parts (VMP)



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Overview of the VMP Standard

- The VMP Standard captures all vehicles (land, air and sea) machinery and parts (includes tyres) that arrive in New Zealand as cargo.
- The Standard states that all new and used VMP must be clean and free of biosecurity contamination and regulated pests when they arrive in New Zealand.
- Some pests such as Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) are very hard to detect during the manufacturing or logistics supply chain, so the Standard includes some specific measures to manage BMSB risk including:
 - Treatment before arrival; or
 - Approved System Management before arrival; or
 - Where allowed, a Manufacturer's Declaration to confirm that new VMP has been stored and exported to NZ in a low BMSB risk manner.



Why was the VMP Standard revised?

1. Improve the layout for importers.
2. Introduce minor changes to address logistic practicalities within the VMP pathway.
3. Enhance some aspects of BMSB risk management where it is justified to do so, including:
 - Mandatory Manufacturer's Declaration.
 - Four additional European countries added to the list of BMSB risk countries.



Requirements for VMP arriving as air freight

- Air freighted VMP is required to be clean and free of biosecurity contamination and regulated pests (BMSB management does not apply)
- Sea freighted VMP must be clean and free of biosecurity contamination and regulated pests AND meet specific measures such as the BMSB management measures.



The Manufacturer's Declaration

Some NEW lower risk types of VMP are excluded from BMSB treatment or system management requirements providing they are stored indoors and exported in a fully enclosed container and a signed Manufacturer's Declaration is submitted before arrival.

The Manufacturer's Declaration applies to the following commodities:

- New Machinery (non drivable kind)
- New Jet Skis and Sea Scooters
- New Tyres
- New Vehicle and Machinery Parts
- New Smaller Vehicles Types (including all-terrain vehicles (ATV), motorcycles, golf carts, go-karts, scooters, side by side (SxS) racers/vehicles, snow mobiles, quad bikes and tricycles)



Why the declaration has been made mandatory

- It demonstrates to MPI that the importer is in fact aware of the VMP Standard and has meet the exclusion criteria required.
- Increases awareness of the storage practices that are required to keep new VMP free of BMSB and other pests.
- May help prevent an increase of BMSB detections with new VMP arriving in NZ. This will help ensure the higher BMSB measures (treatment or system management) are not required to be implemented with these new types of VMP in the future.



Who fills out the Manufacturer's Declaration?

A manufacturer, exporter, agent or distributor may complete the form. Agents and distributors will need to check with the manufacturer before completing the form. This is stated on all templates (linked into the Standard).

Manufacturer's Declaration for New Tyres Exported to New Zealand During the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Season from a Schedule 3 Country (Excluding Italy)

Note: An agent or distributor may complete this form if the criteria has been confirmed with the manufacturer as being correct at all times.

If MPI finds evidence to suggest that the declaration is not correct, the exporter/manufacturer may be contacted.



Who submits the Manufacturer's Declaration?

- MPI does not specify who must submit the signed declaration or any other documentation required when importing.
- The importer may have an agent that submits the import documentation on behalf of the importer or the exporter may manage this process themselves.



When should the Manufacturer's Declaration be submitted

- Must be submitted before the goods arrive in New Zealand.
- All import documentation required should be submitted as early as possible to avoid delays. MPI document screeners try to screen all goods before arrival to ensure a quick clearance process.

Completing the Declaration

- MPI provides a template for each commodity type. The template includes information for the importer and a mandatory section that links to the requirements in the Standard.
- The mandatory part is in the box (highlighted).

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Manufacturer's Declaration for New Machinery Exported to New Zealand During the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) Season from a Schedule 3 Country (Excluding Italy)

Note: An agent or distributor may complete this form if the criteria has been confirmed with the manufacturer as being correct at all times.

This declaration form relates to new machinery exported from a Schedule 3 country (excluding Italy) during the BMSB season listed under the [Import Health Standard for Vehicles, Machinery and Parts](#).

Where new machinery has not been managed for BMSB (Before-Arrival Treatment or MPI Approved System Management) due to meeting the exclusion criteria stated in the Standard (and below), this declaration must be completed with the mandatory content in the box below and submitted to MPI prior to the new machinery arriving in New Zealand.

MPI may make enquires with the manufacturer around storage conditions if given reason to suspect that the machinery has not been stored as declared. MPI may take further verification or compliance action at the time and in the future if there is evidence that this declaration is false or incorrect and may remove a manufacturer's ability to use the exclusion offered under the Standard.

The BMSB season includes risk goods exported on or after the 1st of September and arriving in New Zealand on or before the 30th of April of any year.

Mandatory Details:
(name of declarant) [Click here to enter text](#) on behalf of (manufacturing or distributing company or representing agency) [Click here to enter text](#) declare that these risk goods have met the following criteria:

New Machinery (Section 5.3 of the Standard)	
The new machinery is not being exported from Italy.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
The new machinery is not drivable when in the intended state of use (not in a dismantled state).	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
The new machinery has been stored indoors continuously after manufacture until being loaded in a fully enclosed FAK or FCL container; OR The new machinery has only been exposed to necessary periods of outdoor storage for movement or loading purposes, not exceeding 4 hours at one time, before being loaded in a fully enclosed FAK or FCL container.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
Position	Click here to enter text .
Signature	Click here to enter text .
Date	Click here to enter a date .

Non mandatory details:
Consignment reference such as container number/invoice number:
[Click here to enter text](#).

Notes:

- 1) This is a template produced by MPI. MPI will accept other declaration forms modified by a company or importing agency providing the applicable exclusion criteria and details within the box above features on the declaration.
- 2) Please see the [Import Health Standard for Vehicles, Machinery and Parts](#) for clarifications to the content or definitions of terms/words used on this form.
- 3) A photo copied version of this certificate is acceptable providing the applicant is sure of and takes responsibility for the accuracy of this declaration for every consignment.

Manufacturer's Declaration Template – New Machinery



Completing the declaration

The importer needs to complete the mandatory details and tick yes to the statements that correspond with the requirements in the Standard.

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New Machinery (Section 5.3 of the Standard)	
The new machinery is not being exported from Italy;	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>
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Position	Click here to enter text.
Signature	Click here to enter text.
Date	Click here to enter a date.



Completing the declaration

- Importers are not required to include the description of goods, total number of packages, risk goods have been loaded into container number(s), declarant etc on the declaration.
- It is a requirement of the VMP Standard that some details are required for all VMP. These are listed under section 2.1 of the Standard as information that must be provided to MPI for basic clearance purposes. These requirements are not new (some re-wording has occurred)

2.1 Information that must be provided by importers of vehicles, machinery and parts

Guidance: Failure to provide required information to MPI in a timely manner may lead to delays in receiving biosecurity clearance of vehicles, machinery and parts or they may be refused entry to New Zealand, be reshipped elsewhere or held at the port, incurring demurrage fees.

- (1) Importers of all vehicles, machinery and parts must provide MPI with the following information prior to arrival in New Zealand:
- a) consignor name and contact details.
 - b) country of export where new vehicles, machinery and parts were originally exported from or where used vehicle, machinery and parts were used before exportation.
 - c) whether the vehicle, machinery and parts are new or used.

Guidance: Vehicles, machinery and parts are considered "used" if they have left the standard manufacturing logistics and sales supply chain for usage, testing, demonstration or other purposes.

- d) loading ports (airports or seaports) used during the journey from the country of export to New Zealand including ports used for transshipping.
- e) country(s) where vehicles, machinery and parts have been used or stored in the last 12 months, if different to the export country in b).
- f) shipment details: vessel, voyage number, container number (if relevant) and date of loading.
- g) the number and type of each item.
- h) make, model and date of manufacturer (applicable to whole vehicles/machinery only).
- i) unique identity information, such as a vehicle identification number (this generally applies to entire/whole vehicles/machinery only).



What happens if the declaration is not submitted

- MPI acknowledge that this requirement is new, and in some cases may affect manufacturers that are not aware that their goods are captured by MPI's VMP Standard.
- If the declaration is not submitted, MPI will notify and supply the correct Manufacturer's Declaration and section reference to the manufacturer/exporter.
- If the declaration is persistently not submitted by a manufacturer/exporter, that manufacturer may become ineligible for the exclusions (treatment will be required instead).

Contact for questions:

Please email Standards@MPI.govt.nz if you have any questions about requirements for vehicles, machinery and parts.