



Notice to Industry
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Asian Gypsy Moth – Vessel Inspection

Who does this notice affect?

This notice is of interest to relevant international vessel masters and shipping agents.

What has changed?

The Department of Agriculture (the department) will commence its annual heightened surveillance regime for managing the risks posed by Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) on international vessels from 15 July to 31 October 2014.

As per arrangements in previous years, international vessels that are considered high risk for AGM will receive a questionnaire from the Maritime National Coordination Centre (MNCC) as part of the pre-arrival process. The MNCC will advise if an AGM inspection is required.

The department is requesting vessel masters and crew to remain vigilant for AGM and their egg masses; and to advise the department as soon as possible of any suspected detections of AGM.

The department has developed a pest alert brochure to assist vessel masters and crew to detect hitchhiking pests of biosecurity concern, such as AGM. The pest alert brochure can be found on the [departmental website](#).

Early detection and accurate reporting of pests such as AGM prior to arrival greatly assists in managing the risk offshore where possible; and minimise the level of intervention by the department on arrival.

Further information?

If you require further information please contact the [Maritime National Coordination Centre](#) or phone +61 8 8201 6185.