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US DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – 2016 UPDATE – ASIAN GYPSY MOTH

As the Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) high risk season approaches, Members are reminded to ensure that their vessels are AGM free when arriving in US and Canadian waters.

Reference is made to the June 2009 issue of [Currents](#), pages 18 and 19, as well as to the Member Alerts (in receding order) of [April 21, 2014](#), [June 1, 2010](#) and [July 16, 2009](#) regarding the Asian gypsy moth and measures to prevent infestation of commercial vessels calling at ports in western North America.

Arriving at ports in the US and Canada without required AGM certification, or in circumstances where AGM is detected to be on board a vessel, could result in significant delays to cargo loading or discharging as well as to the routine clearance of vessels. To avoid this, vessels arriving from China, Japan, Korea, and Far East Russia during designated “high risk” periods should obtain certification **prior to departure** from these countries.

For specific entry requirements, your Managers recommend that Members consult the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) *Special Procedures for Suspect Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) Ships* section of its Manual for Agricultural Clearance. This can be found [here](#).

For port calls in Canada reference should be made to the Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA) directive D-95-03: *Plant protection policy for marine vessels arriving in Canada from areas regulated for Asian Gypsy Moth (Lymantria dispar, Lymantria albescens, Lymantria postalba, Lymantria umbrosa)*. This is located [here](#).

If further assistance in elaboration of the above should be required, your Managers will be pleased to supply it.