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Memo to: Chamber of Shipping
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Pacific Pilotage
Prince Rupert Port Corporation

Shipping Federation of Canada (West)
MCTS (Prince Rupert, Vancouver, Tofino)
Metro Vancouver Port Authority
CFIA Prince Rupert / CFIA Victoria

Re: 2015 Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) Entry Policy for Ships

The high risk period for AGM introduction via ships entering Western Canadian ports begins **March 1, 2015**. 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.

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 or 604-666-3837.

Regards,

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