



# REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS

MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

Marine Guideline

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**TO: ALL SHIOWNERS, OPERATORS, MASTERS AND OFFICERS OF  
MERCHANT SHIPS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS**

**SUBJECT: Asian Gypsy Moth Inspection Programs**

**References:** (a) [Frequently asked questions – managing Asian gypsy moth risks](#), *Gard*,  
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## PURPOSE

This Guideline is meant to enhance awareness about the Asian Gypsy Moth (AGM) and the inspection programs administered by various governments to prevent the spread of this destructive pest known to travel via ocean-going vessel.

## APPLICABILITY

This Guideline applies to all Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI)-flagged vessels departing from regulated ports including: Far East Russia, Japan, People’s Republic of China, and Republic of Korea. See Appendix A for a listing of regulated ports and prefectures.

## GUIDANCE

- 1.0 Vessels should be inspected and “certified free of AGM” prior to departing regulated ports. This will minimize the potential for regulatory action when arriving in a country where the pest is not native.
- 2.0 Pre-departure certification should **only** be obtained from recognized certification bodies to ensure that the certificates issued are authentic. Entities authorized to provide certification are listed by country in Appendix B.
- 3.0 An intensive vessel self-inspection should be performed to look for, remove (scrape off), and properly destroy all egg masses and other life stages of AGM prior to entering arrival ports.

- 4.0 Vessel operators are encouraged to check with their port agents and Protection and Indemnity (P&I) Clubs, to determine which countries regulate and inspect arriving vessels for AGM. It is important to note that the requirements of each country may differ, including those for pre-arrival notifications.
- 5.0 The RMI Maritime Administrator is aware that the following countries have AGM programs governing arriving vessels. Links to the program requirements are provided below.

**Australia:** [Department of Agriculture and Water Resources](#)

**Canada:** [Canadian Food Inspection Agency](#)

**Chile:** Agriculture and Livestock Service ([Servicio Agrícola y Ganadero](#)) Link in Spanish only; See Gard publication below.)

**New Zealand:** [Biosecurity New Zealand](#)

**United States:** [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#)

An excellent summary of the Asian gypsy moth issue, frequently asked questions, various programs, and other helpful information has been produced by [Gard](#).

**APPENDIX A**  
**Regulated Ports, Prefectures and Risk Period**

This is a general summary of regulated ports, prefectures and their risk periods. However, in **arriving** countries (Australia, Canada, Chile, New Zealand, US), definitions may differ for risk areas, specific risk periods, and entry and inspection requirements.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Ports – Prefecture</b>	<b>Specified Risk Period</b>
Russia Far East	Nakhodka, Ol'ga, Plastun, Pos'yets, Russkiy Island, Slavyanka, Vanino, Vladivostok Vostochnyy, Zarubino, Kozmino, Nikolayevsk	01 July to 30 September
People's Republic of China	All ports in northern China, including all ports north of Shanghai, defined as all ports on, or north of 31°15' latitude	01 June to 30 September
Republic of Korea	All ports	01 June to 30 September
Japan – Northern	Hokkaido, Aomori, Iwate, Miyagi, Fukushima	01 July to 30 September
Japan – Western	Akita, Yamagata, Niigata, Toyama, Ishikawa	25 June to 15 September
Japan – Eastern	Fukui, Ibaraki, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Shizuoka, Aichi, Mie	20 June to 20 August
Japan – Southern	Wakayama, Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Tottori, Shimane, Okayama, Hiroshima, Yamaguchi, Kagawa, Tokushima, Ehime, Kochi, Fukuoka, Oita, Saga, Nagasaki, Miyazaki, Kumamoto, Kagoshima	01 June to 10 August
Japan – Far Southern	Okinawa	25 May to 30 June

**APPENDIX B**  
**Recognized Certification Bodies**

- **People’s Republic of China:** CCIC Inspection Co. Ltd.
- **Republic of Korea:** International Plant Quarantine Accreditation Board (IPAB)
- **Russia:** Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation
- **Japan:** Authorized third-party inspection bodies are:
  - All Nippon Checkers Corporation (ANCC)
  - Hokkaido Bouekikunjyo Co., LTD (HBKC)
  - Hokuriku Port Service Co., Ltd. (HPS)
  - Intertek Testing Services (Australia) Pty Limited (Pty Ltd)
  - Japan Cargo Tally Corporation (JCTC)
  - Japan Export Vehicle Inspection Center Co., Ltd. (JEVIC)
  - Japan Grain Inspection Association (JGIA)
  - Kanto Fumigation Co., Ltd (KFCO)
  - Keiyochiku Plant Quarantine Association (KPQA)
  - Kobe Plant Quarantine Association (KOBEPQA)
  - Kyoritsu Sanitary Co., Ltd. (KRS)
  - Muroran & Tomakomai Plant Quarantine Association (MTPQA)
  - NAVREX & Corporation (NRX)
  - Nikkun Co., Ltd (NCL)
  - Nippon Kaiji Kentei Kyokai (NKKK)
  - Okayama-Ken Plant Quarantine Association (OKYPQA)
  - Osaka Plant Quarantine Association (OPQA)
  - Osaka Timber Quarantine Association (OSKTQA)
  - Shin Nihon Kentei Kyokai (SNKK)
  - Techno Kasei Co., Ltd. (TKL)
  - Tokai Plant Quarantine Association (TOKAIPQA)
  - Tokyo Plant Quarantine Association (TPQA)
  - Yokohama Plant Protection Association (YPPA)