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

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

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The high risk period for AGM introduction via ships entering Western Canadian ports begins March 1, 2014. The policy (D-95-03) is available on-line. Please take the time to become familiar with it and continue to monitor the CFIA website for updates: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/plaveg/protect/dir/d-95-03e.shtml>.

Of note:

- Vessels calling on a Canadian Port for a second time without the required certification may be refused entry to Canada
- The regulated area in China has been clarified with the addition of latitude co-ordinates demarcating the southernmost extent of the regulated area

As a reminder:

- Agents must notify CFIA of a high risk vessel's arrival **96 hours** in advance of arriving in Canadian waters
- 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 CFIA's Fees Notice (8f)

When the appropriate paperwork has been provided, the CFIA will send the agent electronic confirmation that the vessel may enter. All vessels entering Canadian waters are subject to a frequency of inspection.

If any AGM life stage is discovered during an inspection, the ship will be ordered removed from Canadian waters. The vessel may be permitted to conduct a thorough cleaning of all life stages of the gypsy moth in international waters or at least 10 km away from North American shores. Once cleaning is complete the ship may be allowed to return to Canadian waters for re-inspection. When an inspector is satisfied that there is no risk of introducing the AGM, the ship will be allowed to enter a Canadian port. Upon re-inspection, if an inspector is not satisfied that the risk of introducing AGM has been mitigated, the vessel will not be permitted entry to Canadian waters until the high risk period is over.

Please contact our office at 604-666-3837 if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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