

## **Preparing for invasion: how MPI is preparing for the arrival of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (*Halyomorpha halys*)**

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The brown marmorated stink bug (*Halyomorpha halys*) is an invasive species causing significant economic and social concern in the United States, and now expanding in distribution in Europe and Canada. The Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has been aware of the threat of this pest for some time. There have been numerous border interceptions of BMSB in New Zealand, and MPI has been working to understand and manage all possible pathways of entry. Additionally MPI has been planning for how to respond to an incursion or establishment event. This talk will cover the work that MPI has done towards management, surveillance and communication.

