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### Welcome

This *Members' Bulletin* is intended to keep you up-to-date with ATIF activities. This edition updates previous advice on the serious issue of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB), including the Safeguarding Arrangements trial and treatment requirements. Also, notification of the preparation of a structural softwood products compliance guide, and some comments on the upcoming Canadian Global Buyers Mission to be held in Whistler, British Columbia, and ATIF's partnership with the Sydney Build 2020 Expo.

### Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Safeguarding Arrangements trial

Further to earlier advice on required treatment of Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) for the upcoming high-risk season commencing 1 September 2019, the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources has now selected twelve companies to participate on the BMSB Safeguarding Arrangements trial. Two of four ATIF nominated companies have been selected, they are Tilling Group and Stora Enso Australia. Following the submission of Safeguarding Arrangement applications, it is anticipated that further meetings with officials will be scheduled. Based on the success of the trial additional companies may be included in under Safeguarding Arrangements next year. ATIF greatly appreciates the work of Michael Moorhead of Meyer Timber on this issue.

Details on the 2019-20 BMSB seasonal treatment requirements, and for information on how to prepare for the BMSB season commencing 1 September see: [www.agriculture.gov.au/bsmb](http://www.agriculture.gov.au/bsmb) Queries can be directed to [spp@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:spp@agriculture.gov.au) or the BMSB hotline 1800 900 090.

### Structural softwood compliance guide

In association with the Timber Development Association (TDA), ATIF has prepared a guide to assist importers and resellers to ensure that structural softwood products imported and sold comply with the requirements of the Australian building code and related standards.



This guide is essentially a compliance check list for imported structural softwoods (treated and untreated) that provides information for compliance with Australian regulations and explains the consequences of providing non-conforming or non-complying products. The guide will be circulated to ATIF and TABMA members shortly. This guide does not relate to illegal logging due diligence requirements, or to any phytosanitary matters

### **Canadian Global Buyers Mission**

BC Wood's Global Buyers Mission (GBM) will again be held in Whistler, British Columbia this year. The mission will provide an opportunity for Australian buyers to meet and develop new business relationships with Canadian wood product producers keen to grow their export markets.

The introduction of the Trans-Pacific Trade Agreement, effective from 31 December 2018, resulted in the 5% tariff on Canadian timber imports being removed. This has resulted in substantial additional volumes of structural and other softwood products being imported into Australia at competitive rates.

The 2019 GBM event is scheduled for Wednesday, 11 September to Friday, 13 September. Attendance at the GBM is available for anyone involved in specifying wood products, including architects, engineers, interior designers, developers, manufacturers, as well as wholesalers, distributors and resellers.

As in previous years, ATIF continues to support this well organised buyers mission program. GBM 2019 will provide an opportunity to identify new sources of high quality, competitively priced softwood products, while reconnecting with current suppliers and socializing with peers. Attendees will have the opportunity of meeting with Canadian manufacturers of products that include structural softwoods, engineered wood products, remanufactured items and components, pre-fabricated housing and structures, timber frame homes and structures, millwork and finished building products; together with specialty timber lines such as Western Red Cedar.

Preliminary inquiries from prospective Australian attendees can be directed to John Halkett at [john.halkett@bigpond.com](mailto:john.halkett@bigpond.com) or Mob: 0417 421 187. Further information about GBM 2019 is also available at: [www.bcwood.com](http://www.bcwood.com)

### **Sydney Build 2020 Expo**

Sydney Build 2020 Expo will be held 19 and 20 March 2020 at the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour. ATIF has agreed to be a partnering organisation, see:

<https://www.sydneybuildexpo.com/all-partners/the-australian-timber-importers-federation-inc-atif>

Sydney is experiencing a \$7 billion renaissance with \$4.8 billion worth of construction projects underway in the CBD alone. This is coupled with a further \$3.1 billion of approved projects that are due for completion by 2025. Likewise, infrastructure works are booming with the development of WestConnex, NorthConnex, Sydney Metro and two light rail lines, all taking place concurrently.

Last year's Sydney Build Expo was met with huge success, with over 250 exhibitors; 15,000 pre-registered visitors; 70 supporting partners; and 300 speakers. After reaching full capacity last year, Sydney Build will be held at the new International Convention Centre next year.

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