Cargo Operations Snapshot
As at Monday 23 November 2026

About this snapshot

- The purpose of this report is to keep industry informed on the assessment and inspection progress of imported cargo as it moves through the cargo pathway.
- This symbol in the report indicates initiatives that the Biosecurity Operations Division has implemented to improve regulatory efficiency and effectiveness.

Cargo Declarations

The volumes below relate to Full Import Declarations (FIDs) and Self Assessed Cargo (SAC) Import Documentation types that are lodged in the Integrated Cargo System (ICS). Declarations are then either:

- Referred to the Agriculture Import Management System (AIMS) or Import Management System (IMS) for assessment/inspection

or

- Not referred as a result of profiling and screening activity.

Last 7 days*			
Documentation type	Declarations	Not referred	Referred
FID	102,602	88,855 (86.6%)	13,749 (13.4%)
SAC	4,249,256	4,242,667 (99.8%)	6,670 (0.2%)
Total	**4,351,858**	**4,331,522 (99.5%)**	**20,419 (0.5%)**

**Due to the refresh delay associated with this data, the 'last 7 days' referenced is 15 November – 21 November 2026*

Cargo Compliance

Documentation failure rate (Oct 26)	Inspection failure rate (Oct 26)
6.0%	10.4%

Figures are provided for the last calendar month with a 15-day buffer to account for volatility in outcomes associated with unfinalised entries

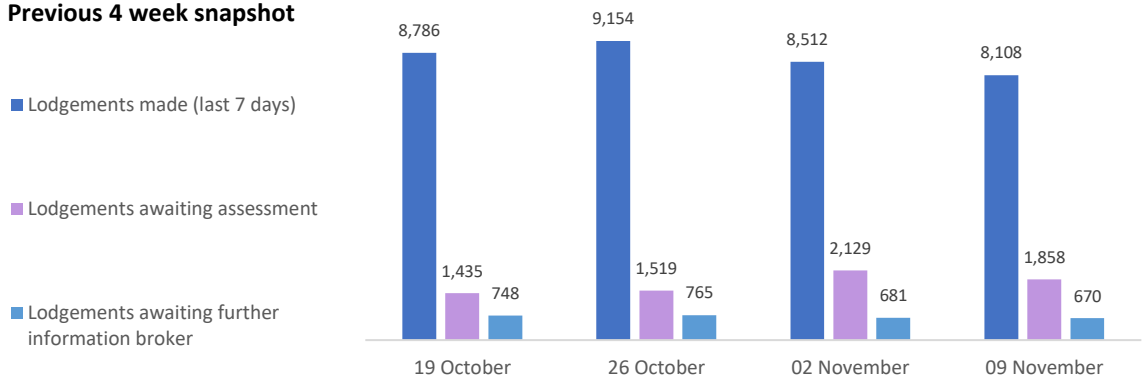
Assessments

Cargo Online Lodgements (COLS)

The volumes and timeframes below only include assessments of FIDs, enquiries, reassessments and direction reissue requests lodged via the Cargo Online Lodgement System (COLS)

Week commencing	Lodgements made (last 7 days)	Lodgements awaiting assessment	Lodgements awaiting further information from broker
23 November	9,595	2,442	736
16 November	8,248	1,441	827

Previous 4 week snapshot



Current COLS queue status

The number of lodgements awaiting assessment is not an indicator of lodgements that have exceeded service standard.

Date of lodgement	Time in queue (business days)	Biosecurity lodgements	Imported food/dual lodgements	Total
18 November	3+	3	1	4
19 – 20 November	1 - 2	1,833	239	2,072
21 – 22 November	<1	337	29	366

When the date of lodgement falls on a weekend or national public holiday, the process timer will commence from the next business day.

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Inspections

Inspections Completed

The volumes below include inspections that have been completed over **the last 7 days**

Inspections at manned depots/recurring bookings*	All other inspections
2,293	3,793

**Manned depot and recurring bookings remain for selected entities whilst we are transitioning to the Recurring Appointments model introduced under the Cargo Scheduling Policy*

Imported food label visual inspection (standard)	Imported food label visual inspection (virtual)
250	30

Inspections Pending Completion

Request for inspection lodged via the Biosecurity Portal
2,054

The volumes and timeframes below only include inspections that are booked via a request for inspection, it does not include inspections that take place at manned depot/recurring booking locations

Request for inspection awaiting scheduling	Inspections scheduled (as at 23 November onwards)
220	1,770

Current request for inspection queue status

Date request submitted	Time in queue (business days)	Request for inspection awaiting scheduling
19 – 20 November	1 – 2	187
21 – 22 November	<1	33

When the date of lodgement falls on a weekend or national public holiday, the process timer will commence from the next business day

Pest & Disease Detections

At Border Identifications

A count of pest and disease organism identifications
- Each identification may include multiple life stages and species
- An identification may include live and/or dead specimens
- Multiple pests or diseases may be identified during an inspection

	Pest & disease identifications
Last month (October 2026)	2,864
2026 calendar year (to 31 October 2026)	23,753

Figures are provided for the last calendar month with a 15-day buffer to account for volatility in outcomes associated with pending identifications.

Post Biosecurity Detections

A Post Biosecurity Detection (PBD) occurs when a pest or disease risk is found in, or associated with, imported goods that are no longer at the intended biosecurity intervention point

The PBD function broadly aims to minimise the establishment of exotic pests and diseases through the management of biosecurity risk detected in imported goods beyond the biosecurity intervention point

PBD cases	New	Closed	Requiring risk management actions
Last month (October 2026)	264	274	120
2026 calendar year (to 31 October 2026)	2,266	2,471	1,139
Note that these figures can include cases received the previous year			

Brown Marmorated Stinkbug (BMSB) Detections

	Detections
1 September 2026 – 28 October 2026	26

BMSB season occurs between September – April

Data Definitions

Key Information: this reporting has been designed to provide a weekly 'point in time snapshot' of some imported cargo operations activities carried out by the department. The volumes provided in this report do not directly indicate the effort associated with managing biosecurity risk. Some data will vary from week to week in an active year due to amendments made to reported imported cargo.

Cargo Declarations

- **Declarations:** a count of Full Import Declarations (FIDs) and Self-Assessed Clearance (SAC) Import Documentation types that are lodged into the Integrated Cargo System (ICS).
- **Referred:** a count of import declarations that were referred to the Agriculture Import Management System (AIMS) or Import Management System (IMS) for intervention after profiling and screening activity.
- **Not referred:** a count of import declarations not referred as a result of profiling and screening activity.

Cargo Compliance

- **Documentation non-compliance rate:** the number of assessed lines that had a result indicating failure (non-compliance) as a percent of the total lines assessed.
- **Inspection non-compliance rate:** the number of inspected lines that had a result indicating failure (non-compliance) as a percent of the total lines inspected.

Assessments

- **Lodgements made (last 7 days):** a count of all lodgements into COLS in the previous 7 days. Lodgements can include assessments of FIDs, enquiries, reassessments and direction reissue requests.
- **Lodgements awaiting assessment:** a point in time snapshot of how many lodgements were in Cargo Workflow Management System (CWMS) awaiting an assessment. The number of lodgements awaiting assessment is not an indicator of lodgements that have exceeded service standard.
- **Lodgements awaiting further information from broker:** a point in time snapshot of how many lodgements were in CWMS that have been assessed as requiring further information or action from the broker.
- **Time in queue (business days):** a point in time snapshot of the count of lodgements on hand and the number of business days since lodgement was made. A business day is considered Monday to Friday and excludes national public holidays.

Inspections

- **Manned depot/recurring bookings:** a count of bulk inspections that take place at an approved arrangement during a specified appointment time or an entire day.
- **Food label visual inspection:** a count of directions associated with imported food products to ensure labelling meets import conditions. These inspections can take place in person or virtually.
- **Request for inspection lodged via the Biosecurity Portal (last 7 days)**: a count of requests for inspections submitted by an authenticated person via the Biosecurity Portal in the previous 7 days.
- **Request for inspection awaiting scheduling:** a count of the requests for inspection submitted via the Biosecurity Portal or email and have not yet been scheduled to a biosecurity officer for inspection.
- **Inspections scheduled:** a count of inspection appointments that have been confirmed and scheduled to a biosecurity officer.
- **Time in queue (business days):** a point in time snapshot of the count of requests for inspection on hand and the number of business days since the request was made. A business day is considered Monday to Friday and excludes national public holidays.

Pest & Disease Detections

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