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Brown Widow Spider Found and Fumigated

BARRIGADA, GUAM – On Friday, October 13, 2017, Customs officers inspecting a container arriving from Majuro found the presence of brown widow spiders.

The container was then resealed and forwarded to CQA's Biosecurity Unit. Working alongside the University of Guam's resident entomologist, determination was made to fumigate the container.

On Wednesday, October 18, 2017, at 9:30 am, methyl bromide was introduced for a total of ten minutes. The container and its contents were exposed to the gas for 24-hours. The fumigation was determined successful upon re-inspection at 9:40 am on Thursday, October 19, 2017 and was released to the consignee.

“As Guam's **First Line of Defense** we stop any and all hazards from infiltrating the border and entering the community. When our line officers have a need to call in support, they activate the agency's specialized units to accomplish the mission. Collaborating with other agencies, such as UOG, is necessary to endorse the appropriate action toward mitigating the threat. This is one instance when all our efforts resulted in a successful operation,” said James T. McDonald, Director of Customs.



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