

Monday, 6th August 2018

Dear Customer,

**Subject: Provisional Import Health Standard impact on your shipments to New Zealand.**

As you may be aware, New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has been reviewing the Import Health Standard (IHS) affecting the shipments of Vehicles, Machinery and Equipment to New Zealand.

At this moment, the new IHS is "provisional" with the final version expected to be approved by 9<sup>th</sup> August.

As an importer, as per the Bio Security Act 1993, you are fully responsible for the adherence to the IHS and any costs associated with non-compliance. It is therefore extremely important that you are familiar with the requirements.

There will be some major changes affecting the shipments from Japan of which the main ones can be summarised as follows for the main commodities:

- During Brown Marmorated Stinkbug Season (Loading Japan from 1<sup>st</sup> September until discharging New Zealand 30<sup>th</sup> April), all used vehicles are to be Heat Treated in Japan by an approved MPI system operator.
- Additionally, for 12 months per year, every used vehicle must be managed under an MPI approved Used Vehicle system *prior to loading* in Japan.
- All used machinery must be cleaned and have a cleaning certificate provided by an approved MPI cleaning provider and must be treated by an MPI approved treatment process for Brown Marmorated Stinkbug prior to loading in Japan
- All new vehicles and machinery must be treated to manage the Brown Marmorated Stinkbug during the stinkbug season *or* must be managed under an MPI approved New Vehicle and Machinery System.

For importers of new vehicles and machinery from Japan, we recommend for your cargoes to be processed through a MPI approved vehicle and machinery system. For further information, please refer to:

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/other/vehicles-and-machinery/forms-and-templates/>

For used vehicles and machinery from other countries (including China, Korea and Australia), the new IHS will require thorough cleaning prior to loading at origin. Importers will also be required to provide a cleaning certificate to support. Further inspections will take place by MPI upon arrival in New Zealand.

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MPI has advised shipping lines that any cargo which does not comply with the new regulations will not be given permission to be discharged in New Zealand.

Armacup has not been able to obtain cost indications for Heat Treatment as yet but suffice to say that shipping costs for vehicles to be treated will increase when shipped after 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Please also refer to <http://www.mpi.govt.nz/importing/other/vehicles-and-machinery/> for further information on the HIS including guidance documents and information on Brown Marmurated Stinkbug.

Please do not hesitate to contact Armacup or our representatives for further information.

We will keep you informed when further information will become available

Kind Regards

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