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2019-2020 STINKBUG SEASON

Dear Customer,

In anticipation of the upcoming BMSB (Stinkbug) Season, this advisory is to inform you on the various Bio Security requirements for cargoes shipped on Armacup operated vessels to Australia, New Zealand and other Pacific Island destinations. This applies to all cargoes loaded from September 1st 2019 until end of BMSB season.

Cargoes originating from Japan:

All Used Vehicles, Machinery and Parts originating from Japan require Heat Treatment by an approved DAWR (for Australia) or MPI (for other destinations) Heat Treatment provider.

Used cargoes transhipped in New Zealand also requires Bio Security Cleaning by an MPI approved provider.

All New Vehicles, Machinery and Parts require to have an MPI Approved System.

For the purpose of these requirements: New Vehicles and Machinery which have been field tested and/or driven on the road are to be Heat Treated prior to shipping (See MPI Import Health Standard).

Cargoes originating From China:

Whilst China is still not on MPI and/or DAWR's list of High Risk BSMB countries, last season's experience has proven that China most definitely is a high risk country for BMSB. It is a fact that *BMSB is native to China* and is the cause to the existing BMSB outbreaks in North America and Europe.

As a result, all Vehicles, Machinery and Parts originating from China require Heat Treatment or Sulphuryl Fluoride Fumigation (SF) by a provider approved by Armacup.

At time of writing, Armacup can confirm that we will have SF treatment available in Shanghai and Lianyungang effective start of BMSB season.

We are also working closely with the RoRo terminals in Shanghai, Lianyungang and Tianjin on establishing effective Heat Treatment facilities which will have to be up to DAWR and MPI standards before Armacup can accept. Armacup will keep you informed on developments.

Cargoes originating From Korea:

During BMSB Season, Armacup cannot accept any Used Vehicles, Machinery and Parts unless treated by a DAWR (for Australia) or MPI (for other destinations) approved provider.

Cargoes originating From Other Origins:

Any New and/or Used cargoes from other origins are to be treated by a DAWR (for Australia) or MPI (for other destinations) approved treatment provider at port of loading onto Armacup operated vessels.

Please refer to the following links for further information:

For Australia:

<http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/before/brown-marmorated-stink-bugs>

For New Zealand and other destinations:

<https://www.biosecurity.govt.nz/importing/vehicles-and-machinery/>

Please also note that it remains the importer's responsibility to ensure all cargoes are clear of unwanted pests and organisms in line with the requirements stipulated by the relevant authorities of the country of import.

Any further requirements stipulated by those authorities, before or after discharge, will remain at the risk and cost of the importer.

Armacup is committed to keeping Oceania free from BMSB and other unwanted pests. We therefore appreciate your ongoing support and understanding for the measures we are taking.

For more details and information, please do not hesitate to contact your local Armacup representative for further assistance.

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