



August 2nd 2024

2024-2025 BMSB SEASON

Dear Valued Customer,

Armacup wishes to remind all our customers that the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug Season (BMSB) is starting again September 1st 2024.

The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is a threat to the New Zealand and Australian Horticulture Industry. Both Department of Agriculture (Australia) and Ministry of Primary Industries (New Zealand) take this threat extremely seriously resulting in extensive cargo and vessel inspections on arrival in Australian and New Zealand Ports, potentially resulting in cargoes or even the entire vessel being blocked from unloading.

As the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug is native to China, it remains Armacup's policy that any cargoes loaded from Chinese ports during the BMSB season, require to be either Heat Treated or Fumigated prior to loading onto our vessels. These treatments are to comply with the standards as determined by the Australian and New Zealand Authorities.

V2468, loading China early September, will be the first vessel for which all cargoes require treatment.

Armacup also wishes to remind all customers that the focus on "Clean Cargo Standards" needs to be maintained throughout. Cargoes should be free of Dirt (including Road Dirt), Animal Material, Plant Material and Food Materials to avoid costly and congestion causing cargo holds at discharge ports.

For any further information please refer to your usual Armacup representative.

With Kind regards

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