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## **2025-2026 BMSB SEASON**

Dear Valued Customer,

Armacup wishes to remind all customers that the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) season begins 1 September 2025.

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.

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.

### **Shippers' responsibility**

We remind all cargo owners/shippers of their responsibility to ensure that cargo is treated in full compliance with DAFF (Australia) and MPI (New Zealand) requirements prior to delivery to ports of loading in target risk countries.

Armacup will not accept cargo for loading unless it is accompanied by a valid treatment certificate issued by a DAFF- or MPI-approved provider, confirming that treatment has been carried out within the approved treatment window. Please note that treatment during the BMSB season does not absolve cargo owners/shippers from the responsibility of ensuring cargo is presented clean and free of contaminants prior to loading.

We also remind customers of the importance of maintaining "Clean Cargo Standards" at all times. 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

Armacup