



12th February 2018
Auckland, New Zealand

Tokyo Car, V1802, MPI Direction Notice

Dear Valued Customer,

As is customary, Ministry for Primary Industries ("MPI") inspected Tokyo Car v1802 upon arrival in Auckland. During this inspection a significant quantity of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug ("BMSB") has been identified.

The BMSB causes a serious risk to the New Zealand economy as a direct result MPI has directed the vessel to leave New Zealand territorial waters and undertake fumigation treatment off-shore without discharging any cargo in New Zealand ports.

BMSB are native to North East Asia, spread to North America in late 1990's and recently also to Europe and South America. The insect is not established in New Zealand but if it would, could cause serious harm to a wide range of New Zealand crops (eg. Grapes, Kiwifruit) as well as infest local homes.

We are in close communication with MPI, investigating both the source and cause of the infestation, how to resolve the current situation and how to avoid it going forward.

Armacup is working on identifying locations where the vessel and its cargoes can be appropriately treated before returning to discharge its cargoes in New Zealand.

We will give you further updates as and when information becomes available, including revised arrival times of your cargoes.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience caused.

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