



HÖEGH AUTOLINERS

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Dear valued customer,

The brown marmorated stink bug (BMSB) is native to East Asia but is now established in many parts of North America as well as in Europe and South America where they cause severe damage to fruit and vegetable crops. As a consequence, authorities in Australia and New Zealand have introduced bio-security enforcement measures to prevent the spreading of BMSB to Oceania. Höegh Autoliners takes its responsibilities extremely seriously to ensure that BMSB is not carried to Australia and New Zealand and appreciate all efforts taken by our customers to reduce risk related to this.

We would like to advise all our customers that Australian authorities have issued updated rules and regulations for import of cargo to Australia during the 2019/2020 BMSB season.

A full overview of details concerning these rules can be found on the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources website: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/industry-advice/2019/89-2019>

We encourage all customers to familiarise themselves with this season's rules and take the opportunity to emphasise that the responsibility of quarantine compliance in Australia lies with the shipper. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your [local Höegh Autoliners office](#) for assistance.

The major change from last year is the scope of countries considered high-risk, which has increased to include the following countries:

Albania	France	Netherlands
Andorra	Georgia	Romania
Armenia	Germany	Russia
Austria	Greece	Serbia
Azerbaijan	Hungary	Slovakia
Belgium	Italy	Slovenia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Kosovo	Switzerland
Bulgaria	Liechtenstein	Spain
Canada	Luxembourg	Turkey
Croatia	Macedonia	United States of America
Czech Republic	Montenegro	
Japan (heightened vessel surveillance will be the only measure applied).		

The BMSB season will be from shipment date 1 September 2019 to arrival date Australia 31 May 2020