



7th November 2018

NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS

Titus (TIU) (CO836 / AG835 / OC836)

Dear Valued Customer,

As you are no doubt aware, the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is an agricultural pest present in Asia, North America and Europe, that feeds on, and can severely damage, fruit and vegetable crops. Between 1 September 2018 and 30 April 2019, import restrictions are in place and heightened surveillance activities are implemented to monitor vessels arriving in Australia from the United States, Japan and certain European countries. As BMSB hibernate in and are carried via transported goods, shipments on board our vessels from the stipulated countries must undergo mandatory treatment offshore prior to loading. Ensuring compliance is the responsibility of the importer, whilst the presentation of clean cargo at the port of load is, at all times, the responsibility of the shipper.

Wallenius Wilhelmsen Ocean has from the outset worked closely with the Australian Authorities and takes its responsibilities to ensure that this pest is not transported to Australia extremely seriously. Part of this responsibility is monitoring and inspection on board the vessel for BMSB.

MV Titus, Voyage CO836, was due to arrive at its first Australian port on 5th November. During routine inspections on board dead and live bugs were found. These findings were reported to the Australian Government - Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR).

WW Ocean have since worked closely with the DAWR to identify the type of bug. It was subsequently determined that a portion of these were BMSB.

Wed 7th November the planned inspection was completed by DAWR whilst vessel was at inner anchorage. MV Titus is now at outer anchorage and will undertake fogging whilst awaiting results and further instructions from DAWR. WW Ocean will provide further updates as they are made available.

WW Ocean continues to work closely with DAWR to evaluate the extent of the situation and to establish a treatment and inspection protocol as quickly as possible. Our ambition is to minimise the impact on the voyage, whilst ensuring Australian Biosecurity requirements are not compromised.

It remains uncertain what further delays will occur in Fremantle and as such WW Ocean would like to provide the following prognosis as to expected impact to the coastal schedule based on the current information.

	Fremantle		Melbourne		Port Kembla		Brisbane	
	ETA	ETD	ETA	ETD	ETA	ETD	ETA	ETD
Titus	08/11	09/11	14/11	14/11	16/11	16/11	18/11	18/11

We apologise for these delays, but trust that you fully understand our shared responsibility in this matter, and that we must work together to safeguard Australia's Biosecurity and comply with DAWRs instructions.

We will keep you updated of any changes to the above schedule and take this opportunity to express our regret for the delayed arrival of your shipments.

For further information regarding this advice, please contact Wallenius Wilhelmsen Ocean Sales Support – 1300 885 995.

Sincerely,

The Oceania Team
Wallenius Wilhelmsen Ocean

i The Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB) is an agricultural pest that feeds on, and can severely damage, fruit and vegetable crops. The pest has spread from its native range in East Asia to form established populations in North America and Europe but is not yet present or widely established in Australia. If the BMSB were to establish and spread in Australia, it would be extremely difficult and expensive to manage, partly due to its broad host range. Preventing an incursion in the first place is therefore a high priority and every year the Australian government reviews the import restrictions in time for the BMSB risk season which begins in September. See our [BMSB resource](#)

[page](#) for everything you need to know about the regulations and what is required when it comes to keeping your Oceania-bound products pest free.