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## **JEVIC Announcement – 2017\_07**

### **BMSB Mitigation**

New Zealand's Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) has identified a trend of growing numbers of Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs (BMSB) and Yellow Spotted Stink Bugs (YSSB) arriving on ships that transport heavy industrial equipment, new cars and imported used cars from Japan.

MPI's recommendations, reference Advisory To Industry 23 February 2018, include the use of insecticide sprays applied to the vehicles and machinery, and insecticide fogging of the vessel.

**Spraying:** JEVIC wish to advise customers that all used vehicles processed through the JEVIC Biosecurity Inspection System for shipping on RoRo and Containerised cargo will be subject to an application of insecticide spray. The product used is the synthetic pyrethroid Permethrin. This group of chemicals are generally low in toxicity to humans.

The insecticide spray will be applied to the wheel arches, bonnet hinges, door hinges and areas of the underside only.

**Fogging of vessels prior to departure:** To meet the MPI recommendations Shipping Lines are introducing the fogging of cargo once the vessel is fully loaded in Japan. The fogging product used is a synthetic pyrethroid, and will be completed by a certified pest control operator to all holds and levels. JEVIC recommend to the shipping lines that bonnets and windows of vehicles should be opened prior to fogging.

**Health and Safety considerations:** JEVIC has a zero harm policy to ensure all workplaces are free from hazards and all Health and Safety risks are identified and managed.

Products used for the mitigation spray are commercially provided and approved to meet all health and safety requirements. JEVIC works with approved treatment providers to ensure that any spraying that is undertaken does not create any hazards to our staff, partners, stakeholders and the environment.

Any questions on the above should be directed to JEVIC Head-office, Yokohama, Japan.

Regards

JEVIC Management