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Sea Containers Destined for Rural Locations in Australia

Dear Valued Customer,

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the Department) has issued an important advice to all stakeholders in the import and shipping industries.

Stakeholders are reminded of their responsibility to correctly declare the delivery destination in the Integrated Cargo System (ICS) for sea containers entering Australia.

Imported sea containers can carry a range of hitchhikers and contaminants which could introduce exotic pests and diseases into our environment. Sea containers destined for rural areas pose a higher risk than metropolitan locations, due to the likelihood of pests and diseases establishing quickly and the difficulty in detecting and controlling these once established.

As such, all imported sea containers destined to be unpacked in rural areas are subject to heightened biosecurity measures on arrival, including a mandatory rural tailgate inspection at a metropolitan location in the port of discharge prior to delivery.

Incorrect reporting under the *Biosecurity Act 2015* or failure to report, may result in fines or civil penalties.

If you have concerns that your sea containers may be incorrectly reported or are bypassing the Department's mandatory rural inspection requirements, please contact your Key Account Manager or a C.H. Robinson representative to discuss further.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer.

Sincerely,
C.H. Robinson.

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