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## **NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS RAROTONGA SERVICE**

Subsequent to our communication last week regarding the Rarotonga service – the following is a further update.

The market has expressed concerns about the availability of space and regularity of service to Rarotonga, especially with the reduced capacity currently available in the Trade. For this reason, it has been decided to change the port rotation of the Southern Express V1000 to call Rarotonga first. The amended schedule is as follows -

### **Southern Express V1000**

<b>PORT</b>	<b>ETA</b>	<b>ETD</b>
AUCKLAND	1 MAY	3 MAY
RAROTONGA	10 MAY	11 MAY
NUKU'ALOFA	18 MAY	18 MAY
VAVA'U	19 MAY	19 MAY

Cargo from Fiji and Australia waiting in Nuku'alofa to connect with the Southern Express will be shipped to Auckland on the Southern Lily V244 to connect with the Southern Express V1000.

We appreciate that this is yet another change to the service. Please be assured that these decisions are not made lightly and are taken in an effort to accommodate the needs of the market as best we can while we deal with the challenges we are currently facing. With return of the Southern Express to Reef Shipping and the reintroduction of our vessel, the Forum Pacific, we are confident that there will be stability back in the Trade within the month.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the PDL or our local agents, McKay Shipping.

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