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**General Announcement 2023\_01**  
**Notice of U.S. Patent Registration**

Dear Stakeholder,

JEVIC COMPANY LIMITED

As announced on December 24, 2019, we obtained the patent "Automobile High-Temperature Pest Extermination Device" in Japan.

We are pleased to inform you that our U.S. patent application for "Automobile High-Temperature Pest Extermination Device" was registered with the registration number **11,439,137**.

**Background**

In 2018, Brown Marmorated Stink Bug (BMSB), registered as a Regulated Pest in New Zealand, were discovered during the transport of vehicles from Japan to New Zealand. In response to the tightened regulations by the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) of New Zealand, JEVIC developed our own heat treatment facility to kill the pests hitchhiking on vehicles prior to export. The treatment facilities are deployed throughout JEVIC's inspection sites at the major export ports of Japan.

**Patent Summary**

The patent covers the equipment of the heat treatment facility (Heat Chamber) installed at our inspection sites.

We obtained the patent in Australia, Korea, the EU after Japan (2019), and in the United States (2022).



### **Our Activities for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**

We have deployed facilities, including Heat Treatment, and acquired the necessary approvals to conduct pre-shipment inspections of used vehicles, and thereby contributing to the protection of the natural environment and the ecosystems of destination countries.



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