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Southern Lily V231 – Return to Auckland for Repairs.

TO ALL VALUED SOFRANA CUSTOMERS:

On the evening of Friday 14/08 we received advice from the Master of the Southern Lily that the forecastle area had flooded following 24 hours of very heavy seas en route to Pago Pago. The flooding meant the ship was unable to use both the bow thruster and windlass power and therefore continue her northbound voyage.

The decision was immediately taken to return to Auckland for urgent repairs. The Southern Lily arrived back in Auckland on Sunday, just before midday and is at a layby berth on Jellicoe. After an initial assessment, repairs are expected to take six (6) days. Based on this information, her revised northbound schedule is:

Auckland eta:	21/08 pm
Pago Pago:	26-27/08 LT
Apia:	27/08 LT
Vavau:	30-31/08

We do apologise for the late delivery of the cargo now sitting on board, however under the prevailing circumstances we had no alternative, as the safety of the ship and all on board her remains paramount.

We will of course keep you fully updated of any changes to the schedules or to the vessel arrangements.

Sofrana apologises for the inconvenience this has caused, and we appreciate your understanding at this time. If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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