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### Expansion for Mack Ship Stores

We're pleased to confirm some exciting changes within Mack Wholesale. Having identified synergies between two of our trading businesses, Blue River International and its comprehensive range of Asian grocery products will merge shortly into the Mack Ship Stores business.

This change brings fresh market opportunity for Mack Ship Stores through a broader product range. It also brings efficiency savings to maintain a competitive edge and unlock further business growth.

The core principles behind Fresca's fresh produce sourcing around sustainable production, clear provenance and product traceability are increasingly now applied to the Asian grocery products, offering a clear point of difference both for a discerning consumer audience and for our valued wholesale customers.

Stuart and Amanda Buchanan have now left Blue River International Ltd. We thank them for their passion and commitment to the business and wish them well for the future. Stuart Franklin has transferred to the Mack Ship Stores team and will manage the commercial opportunity for the Asian grocery product range, reporting to Nigel Chandler.

Group Chief Executive at Fresca Group, Martyn Fletcher, said: "The outcome of this business review will drive greater volumes for our Asian imports and ensure that we're able to provide our wholesale and cruise line customers with unrivalled service and value. The cruise line industry is looking forward to its return to sailing later this year; we're making sure that our grocery offer is refreshed and tailored to suit."

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Mack Ship Stores has been a key part of the Mack Wholesale business in Southampton since its formation in 2008. A key supplier to major cruise lines, products include meat, dairy, flowers, fish, drinks, dry goods and stores items.

Fresca Group is a major part of the fresh produce supply chain both in the UK and beyond. Through a network of companies with shared values and vision, Fresca Group is an active investor from seed through to shelf in a fast-moving, competitive marketplace.

Sales (2020) : £454m

Employees : 1250

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