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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 23 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Notification of emergency measures for khapra beetle

On 4 August 2020, Australia issued a SPS notification (G/SPS/N/AUS/502) informing trading partners of its intention to implement emergency measures to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*). The emergency measures are being implemented in phases and will result in changes to import conditions for plant products and sea containers. This addendum is to notify trading partners of updates to import conditions for high-risk plant products imported via all commercial pathways.

New import conditions will apply to high-risk plant products exported on or after 30 September 2021. Import conditions will differ depending on the country of export.

Note: The new import conditions do not apply to seeds for sowing and goods that are imported for research purposes coming as low value freight (less than AUD\$1000).

These enhanced import conditions for high-risk khapra beetle products are in addition to measures introduced for sea containers in April 2021.

Khapra beetle target risk countries

High-risk plant products exported from khapra beetle target risk countries (https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/arrival/pests/khapra_beetle) via sea and air freight will need to be treated offshore with an approved treatment option and inspected by a government official of the exporting country.

Approved treatment options are heat treatment, methyl bromide fumigation and modified atmosphere treatments. In addition to a treatment certificate, the goods must be treated within 21 days of export and be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate certifying treatment requirements have been met and that the goods are free from all live species of *Trogoderma*.

Treatment and document requirements can be found on our website via: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/high-risk-plant-products#phase-3-new-requirements-for-highrisk-plant-products-imported-via-all-commercial-pathways>.

Note: Modified atmosphere treatments are a provisional option only. As such, an import permit is required. The goods must have an import permit before they arrive in Australia

All other countries

High-risk plant products exported from all other countries via sea and air freight will need to be inspected by a government official of the exporting country and certified as free from evidence of any species of *Trogoderma* that are of concern to Australia (the list of *Trogoderma* species of concern can be found via <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle>).

Failure to comply with these requirements may result in the export of the container and/or goods upon arrival in Australia.

Other updates

Please note, the Definition of high-risk plant products list on Australia's urgent actions website has been updated to exclude goods that are commercially processed to a powder, meal or flakes and packaged in bags less than or equal to 25 kgs (such as cereal flours like semolina, wheat flour, chilli flakes and ground spices). This list can be viewed via: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/high-risk-plant-products#definition-of-highrisk-plant-products>.

Further information

Information on the emergency measures for high-risk plant products imported via all commercial pathways can be found on our website, and will be published in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) on 30 September 2021.

Addendums to this SPS notification will be published to notify the measures and implementation dates for subsequent phases. Complete import conditions and details regarding the measures will be outlined in the BICON (<https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0>) alert prior to the implementation date.

For questions and information related directly to offshore khapra beetle treatments, please email offshoretreatments@agriculture.gov.au.

All other enquiries regarding these measures, please email imports@agriculture.gov.au (please title the subject line of the email with "Plant Tier 2 - khapra urgent actions").

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The following communication, received on 3 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Notification of emergency measures for Khapra Beetle

On 4 August 2020, Australia issued a SPS notification (G/SPS/N/AUS/502) informing trading partners of its intention to implement emergency measures to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*). The emergency measures are being implemented in phases and will result in changes to import conditions for plant products and sea containers. This addendum is to notify trading partners of updates to the exclusion list for high-risk plant products.

Exclusion list:

The exclusion list of high-risk plant products is relevant to khapra beetle emergency measures under Phases 1 to 3 and Phase 6A part 1.

The following plant products exported on or after 2 August 2021 are no longer considered high-risk:

- Commercially prepared and packaged goods that have been thermally processed so that the nature of the material has been transformed from their original raw form.
- Goods that are commercially milled or ground to a powder, meal or flakes and packaged in bags less than 25kg.

Note: these goods do not require mandatory treatment from khapra beetle target risk countries but commercial consignments will require a phytosanitary certificate verifying freedom from khapra beetle.

- Breakfast cereals, instant cereal beverage mixes, couscous meal mixes and snack foods that are commercially prepared and retail packaged. *
- Bakery and bread mixes (including whole seeds) that are commercially prepared and retail packaged. *
- Commercially prepared and packaged herbal teas, with or without seeds (including loose leaf and tea bags).

* An imported good is considered retail packaged if it has been commercially prepared and packaged overseas and is in a final state that requires no further processing, packaging or labelling prior to sale or use in Australia.

Note: The exclusion list for other risk plant products has also been updated. However, this list only applies to Phase 4 of the emergency measures which has been placed on hold.

The exclusions list has been updated on our website: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/urgent-actions>

Further information:

Information on the emergency measures for containers can be found on the department's website: <http://www.awe.gov.au/khapra-containers>

Addendums to this SPS notification will be published to notify the measures and implementation dates for subsequent phases. Complete import conditions and details regarding the measures will be outlined in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) prior to the implementation date.

For:

- questions and information related directly to offshore khapra beetle treatments, please email offshoretreatments@agriculture.gov.au.
- all other enquiries regarding these measures, please email imports@agriculture.gov.au (please title the subject line of the email with "Plant Tier 2 – khapra urgent actions").

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The following communication, received on 29 July 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Emergency measures to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*): Provisional alternative treatment options available for high-risk plant products

On 4 August 2020, Australia issued a SPS notification (G/SPS/N/AUS/502) informing trading partners of its intention to implement emergency measures to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*). The emergency measures are being implemented in phases and will result in changes to import conditions for plant products and sea containers.

This addendum is to notify trading partners of provisional alternative treatment options available for high-risk plant products under Phase 3 of the emergency measures.

Provisional alternative treatment options:

Phase 3 of the emergency measures will commence in September 2021. It will introduce mandatory offshore treatment using an approved option for high-risk plant products exported from a khapra beetle target risk country, via all commercial air and sea pathways.

Approved treatment options are heat treatment and methyl bromide fumigation. We recognise these options are not feasible for some products. As such, we have considered alternative treatment options including modified atmosphere treatments.

We have published a document on our website detailing alternative treatment options available for high-risk plant products. These options are provisional measures only. Provisional measures are subject to change as further data and information becomes available.

We are continuing to engage with peak industry bodies on the alternative treatment options.

Further information:

Information on the emergency measures for containers can be found on the department's website:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/urgent-actions>

Addenda to this SPS notification will be published to notify the measures and implementation dates for subsequent phases. Complete import conditions and details regarding the measures will be outlined in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) prior to the implementation date.

For:

- questions and information related directly to offshore khapra beetle treatments, please email offshoretreatments@agriculture.gov.au;

- all other enquiries regarding these measures, please email imports@agriculture.gov.au (please title the subject line of the email with 'Plant Tier 2 - khapra urgent actions').

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