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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 26 August 2025, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of <u>Australia</u>.

Notification of emergency measures for Khapra beetle

Khapra beetle measures: Update to pest risk analysis for khapra beetle

As previously communicated via SPS notice <u>G/SPS/N/AUS/502/Add.18</u>, we are currently undertaking a pest risk analysis (PRA) for khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*). This update is to inform stakeholders that the PRA will now be conducted in two parts: Part 1 will focus on the plant product pathway, and Part 2 on the sea container pathway.

Importantly, this change does not alter the overall purpose or scope of the PRA. The objective remains to assess the biosecurity risks posed by khapra beetle, to evaluate the current <u>emergency measures</u> (also termed 'urgent actions') and to recommend effective and appropriate ongoing phytosanitary measures. These emergency measures will stay in place until the PRA is finalised, and any recommended ongoing phytosanitary measures are implemented.

We are adopting this 2-part approach because:

- The biosecurity risks and emergency measures differ between the two pathways;
- Risk assessments, evaluation of existing emergency measures, and proposed ongoing risk management need to be conducted separately for each pathway;
- Australia and the International Plant Protection Convention have several initiatives underway targeting sea container biosecurity risks, which will influence the analysis for that pathway.

This approach is expected to be more logical, efficient, and easier for stakeholders to review and provide feedback on.

We anticipate publishing a draft report for Part 1 in late 2025, followed by Part 2 in the first half of 2026. Each draft report will be released for a 60-day public consultation period.

Please note that the anticipated publication dates for the draft reports are indicative and may be subject to change.

For further information on this pest risk analysis and current emergency measures, see the following webpages:

- Khapra beetle pest risk analysis: https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/plant/khapra-pest-risk-analysis
- Urgent actions to protect against khapra beetle: https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/identify/khapra-beetle/urgent-actions
- Measures for plant products under the khapra beetle urgent actions: https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/identify/khapra-beetle/plant-products
- Measures for sea containers under the khapra beetle urgent actions: https://www.agriculture.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/identify/khapra-beetle/sea-container-measures

This addendum concerns a:

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