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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 5 March 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Notification of emergency measures for Khapra beetle - Further information on sea container measures now available online

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*).

As notified in addendum G/SPS/N/AUS/502/Add.6, implementation of Phase 6A of the emergency measures will commence from 12 April 2021. Phase 6A will introduce mandatory offshore treatment requirements for target risk sea containers.

To assist in preparing stakeholders for the implementation of Phase 6A, a specific web page outlining the sea container measures has been published. This web page can be accessed at: <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/sea-container-measures>.

The webpage includes updated/new information on the following components of the Phase 6A emergency measures:

- implementation dates;
- treatment options, rates and requirements;
- approved treatment providers;
- treatment certification requirements;
- February 2021 information sessions (see G/SPS/N/AUS/502/Add.6).

Please also note that while these measures will be commencing from 12 April 2021, start dates will now be staggered depending on the type of target risk container.

Note: Failure to comply with these requirements will result in export of the container upon arrival in Australia.

Further information

Further information on the emergency measures for containers can be found on the department's Sea container measures to protect against khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) webpage.

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").

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified regulation
- Withdrawal of regulation
- Change in period of application of measure
- Other: Additional information on the implementation of Phase 6 of emergency measures.

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