



22 March 2021

(21-2361)

Page: 1/2

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

Original: English

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 22 March 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Notification of emergency measures for Khapra beetle - Phase 6A: New measures for target risk sea containers

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.5, new measures for sea containers will be implemented in two stages:

- Mandatory offshore treatment of target risk sea containers (commencing from 12 April 2021);
- New measures for high-risk sea containers (expected to commence in late 2021).

Further information on the upcoming measures was provided in addendum G/SPS/N/AUS/502/Add.7.

Information sessions

To assist treatment providers in meeting the new khapra beetle requirements for the offshore treatment of target risk sea containers, Australia is running virtual information sessions to provide more detail on the different forms of treatments and how these changes will affect treatment providers. Please note that each session will cover a different form of treatment.

The information sessions will be held:

- Methyl bromide fumigation: 15:00 - 17:00 (AEDT), Friday 26 March 2021;
- Heat treatment: 15:00 - 17:00 (AEDT), Monday 29 March 2021;
- Insecticide treatment: 15:00 - 17:00 (AEDT), Wednesday 31 March 2021.

The information sessions will cover:

- Khapra beetle treatment measures for sea containers;
- How our existing offshore treatment assurance schemes (the Australian Fumigation Accreditation Scheme and the Offshore Brown Marmorated Stinkbug Treatment Providers Scheme) will be used;
- How the requirements of our treatment methodologies apply to the treatment of sea containers.

Australia would appreciate it if trading partners could encourage their treatment providers to attend the information sessions. Register to attend via: <https://khapra-containers-treatment-information-sessions.eventbrite.com.au>.

If you wish to attend one or more of the sessions but do not find the times suitable, please email offshoretreatments@agriculture.gov.au to register your interest in future sessions. Please indicate which treatment you are interested in and your time zone, and we will use this information when planning any future events.

For more information on the urgent actions visit:

<http://awe.gov.au/khapra-containers>

<http://awe.gov.au/khapra-urgent-actions>.

Enquiries can be directed to 1800 900 090 or via email at 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.

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

The Australian SPS Notification Authority
GPO Box 858
Canberra ACT 2601
Australia
E-mail: sps.contact@awe.gov.au

Text(s) available from: National Notification Authority, National Enquiry Point. **Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

The Australian SPS Notification Authority
GPO Box 858
Canberra ACT 2601
Australia
E-mail: sps.contact@awe.gov.au
