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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 17 November 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Commencement of Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the Khapra Beetle Emergency Measures

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 the expected commencement of Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the khapra beetle emergency measures in early 2022, and extension of Phase 6A of the measures in late 2021.

Phase 4 and 5 measures

In early 2022, Phase 4 and Phase 5 of the khapra beetle urgent actions are expected to commence. Phase 4 will introduce revised phytosanitary certification requirements for other-risk plant products exported from all countries. Phase 5 will introduce phytosanitary certification requirements for seeds for sowing exported from all countries and arriving via all arrival modes.

Summary of the new requirements:

Phase	Product	Country of export	Product requirements
Phase 4	Other-risk plant products	All countries	Accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country with the additional declaration: "Representative samples were inspected and found free from evidence of any species of <i>Trogoderma</i> (whether live, dead or exuviae) in Australia's list of <i>Trogoderma</i> species of biosecurity concern."
Phase 5	Seeds for sowing	All countries	Accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country with the additional declaration: "Representative samples were inspected and found free from evidence of any species of <i>Trogoderma</i> (whether live, dead or exuviae) in Australia's list of <i>Trogoderma</i> species of biosecurity concern."

Failure to comply with the above requirements may result in the export of the goods and/or the container on-arrival in Australia. We will consider transitional arrangements to accommodate consignments in-transit closer to the implementation.

If the products will be packed into an FCL/FCX sea container in a khapra beetle target risk country and will be unpacked in a regional grain growing area of Australia, the sea container itself will need to be treated. See further details on the sea container webpage.

Extension of Phase 6A measures

From 12 July 2021, mandatory offshore treatment requirements were introduced for FCL/FCX containers packed with all types of goods in a khapra beetle target risk country and destined to be unpacked in a rural grain growing area of Australia. To further minimise the risk of the introduction and spread of khapra beetle to high-risk rural areas, we will be extending this requirement to include containers destined for unpack in rural nut growing areas of Australia. This will come into effect for the above FCL/FCX containers exported on or from 15 December 2021. This expansion to the Phase 6A measures is anticipated to have minimal impact to industry.

Note: Upon implementation, our sea container measures webpage, BICON case: Non-commodity cargo clearance, our postcode classification search tool and Rural grain growing postcodes listing document will be updated to include the additional rural nut growing postcodes.

Further information

Information on the emergency measures for Phase 4 and Phase 5 can be found on the department's website: <https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/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 - <https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0>) prior to the implementation date.

For further information, see:

- Urgent actions to protect against khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*);
- Sea container measures to protect against khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*);
- Khapra beetle bulletin;
- BICON case: Khapra beetle sea container measures;
- BICON case: Non-commodity cargo clearance.

For questions and information regarding sea container measures, please phone 1800 900 090 or email SPP@awe.gov.au (please title the subject line of the email with 'khapra urgent actions').

For questions and information regarding Phase 4 and 5 measures, please phone 1800 900 090 or email imports@awe.gov.au (please title the subject line of the email with 'Plant Tier 2 - khapra urgent actions').

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

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 4 and phase 5 of the emergency measures.

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