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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 30 June 2022, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of <u>Australia</u>.

Notification of emergency measures for Khapra beetle

In August 2020, Australia notified trading partners through the WTO-SPS notification system (G/SPS/N/AUS/502) of its intention to implement phased emergency measures to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) through various pathways. Australia also provided notifications (G/SPS/N/AUS/502/Add.1, Add.2, Add.9, Add.13, Add.14, Add.15) prior to the implementation of each phase of emergency measures.

This addendum is to notify trading partners that on 7 July 2022, Australia is commencing a pest risk analysis (PRA) to assess the risks presented by khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) through various pathways, evaluate the efficacy of emergency measures, consider ongoing phytosanitary measures, and ensure any ongoing phytosanitary measures are scientifically justified.

This notification provides an opportunity for Australia's trading partners to provide information, with supporting evidence, on the status of khapra beetle in their countries to assist Australia in conducting this pest risk analysis. Information and supporting evidence on pest status should be consistent with ISPM 8: Determination of pest status in an area.

The existing emergency measures for khapra beetle and other *Trogoderma* species of biosecurity concern associated with stored plant products will remain in place until the pest risk analysis is completed and any recommended ongoing phytosanitary measures are implemented.

Further information

Information on the emergency measures 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 publication of pest risk analysis draft report in early 2023, as well as updates to the emergency measures and implementation dates for subsequent phases. Complete import conditions and details regarding the measures are outlined in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON).

For further information, see:

- Plant risk analyses https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/policy/risk-analysis/plant
- Sea container measures to protect against khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/sea-container-measures
- Khapra beetle bulletin https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/bulletin
- BICON: https://bicon.agriculture.gov.au/BiconWeb4.0/

For questions and information regarding the pest risk analysis for khapra beetle, please contact the department via email at plantstakeholders@awe.gov.au.

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

This addendum concerns a:

[]	Modification of final date for comments
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[X]	Other: Additional information on the commencement of a pest risk analysis for Khapra
	beetle.

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