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**Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures** 

# **NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES**

## Addendum

The following communication, received on 4 February 2022, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of <u>Australia</u>.

Emergency measures to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*)

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 that on 28 April 2022, import conditions for seeds for sowing and a wide range of other-risk plant products exported from all countries will change. Other-risk plant products include seeds, nuts, green coffee beans, dried fruit, vegetables, herbs and spices. The complete list of in scope other-risk products (including mode of arrival, end-use and exclusions) is available on our webpage.

Under Phase 4 of the emergency measures, other-risk plant products exported on or after 28 April 2022 from any country must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with the additional declaration:

• "Representative samples were inspected and found free from evidence of any species of Trogoderma (whether live, dead or exuviae) in Australia's list of Trogoderma species of biosecurity concern."

Under Phase 5 of the emergency measures, seeds for sowing exported on or after 28 April 2022 from any country for all arrival modes must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with the additional declaration:

• "Representative samples were inspected and found free from evidence of any species of Trogoderma (whether live, dead or exuviae) in Australia's list of Trogoderma species of biosecurity concern."

Note:

- If Other-risk plant products are packed into a container with high-risk plant products in a khapra beetle target risk country, all goods may be treated and certified using an approved option for high-risk plant products. For more information on treatment and certification requirements, see the Phase 3 webpage.
- If the products will be packed into a Full Container Load/Full Container Consolidated sea container in a khapra beetle target risk country and will be unpacked in a rural khapra risk area of Australia, the sea container will need to be treated. See more details on the sea container webpage .

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The full list of import conditions will be updated on BICON closer to implementation. Stay up to date on the implementation of these conditions by subscribing to receive Industry Advice Notices and BICON alerts.

Further information

Information on the emergency measures for Phase 4 and Phase 5 can be found on the department's website: <u>https://www.awe.gov.au/biosecurity-trade/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/urgent-actions</u>

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 further information, see:

- list of other-risk plant products (including mode of arrival and end use)
- 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 <u>SPP@awe.gov.au</u> (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 <u>imports@awe.gov.au</u> (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 <u>offshoretreatments@agriculture.gov.au</u>

#### 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
- [X] Other: Additional information on the implementation of Phase 4 and 5 of emergency measures.

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