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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 30 June 2021, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of <u>Australia</u>.

Plant products that are hosts 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*).

As notified in addendum G/SPS/N/AUS/502/Add.10, implementation of additional measures under Phase 6A of the emergency measures will commence from 12 July 2021. These additional measures will introduce mandatory offshore treatment requirements for all FCL/FCX sea containers packed with all types of goods in a khapra beetle target risk country and unpacked in a rural grain growing area of Australia.

To assist in preparing stakeholders for the implementation of additional measures under Phase 6A, a specific webpage outlining the sea container measures is available. This webpage can be accessed at: <u>http://www.awe.gov.au/khapra-containers</u>.

Summary of measures

The below table provides a summary of Phase 6A measures.

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

Type of target risk container: FCL/FCX container where high-risk plant products are packed into the sea container in a khapra beetle target risk country.

Implementation date: 12 April 2021 (containers exported on or after 12 April 2021).

How to comply: Containers must be treated offshore prior to packing* using an approved treatment option and accompanied by a valid treatment certificate.

* Note: treatment of containers already loaded with goods is acceptable for methyl bromide treatment only.

Type of target risk container: FCL/FCX container where other goods are packed into the sea container in a khapra beetle target risk country and will be unpacked in a rural grain growing area of Australia.

Implementation date: Will commence on 12 July 2021 (containers exported on or after 12 July 2021).

How to comply: Containers must be treated offshore (prior to packing*) using an approved treatment option and accompanied by a valid treatment certificate.

* Note: treatment of containers already loaded with goods is acceptable for methyl bromide treatment only.

For more information on the urgent actions visit: <u>https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/urgent-actions</u>.

Addenda to this SPS notification will be published to notify the measures and exact implementation dates for other phases under the emergency measures. Complete import conditions and details regarding the measures will be outlined in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) prior to the implementation date.

This addendum concerns a:

- [] Modification of final date for comments
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