

CLIENT ADVISORY

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Dear Valued Customer,

AU: Update - Khapra Beetle Infestation

Khapra beetle is Australia's number two National Priority Plant Pest and the number one plant priority pest for grains.

The global spread of Khapra Beetle is increasing, and it is being detected on a wide range of plant products and as a hitchhiker pest on containers. If the Khapra Beetle enters Australia it would have significant economic consequences. An outbreak could cost Australia \$15.5 billion over 20 years through revenue losses arising from reduction in production and exports.

The Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (the Department) will implement urgent actions in a number of phases

1. Banning high-risk plant products from entering Australia from all countries as unaccompanied personal effects.
2. Banning high-risk plant products from entering Australia from all countries in accompanied baggage and in mail.
3. Extending phytosanitary certification verifying freedom from Trogoderma species to all high-risk plant products imported via commercial pathways from all countries.
4. Introducing mandatory offshore treatment of high-risk plant products imported via commercial pathways from countries determined to pose an unacceptable Khapra beetle risk (these measures will not apply for seeds for planting).

The urgent actions will be applied to the following plant products (in various raw and processed forms), which have been identified as high-risk:

- Rice (*Oryza sativa*)
- Chickpeas (*Cicer arietinum*)
- Cucurbit seed (*Cucurbita* spp.)
- Cumin seed (*Cuminum cyminum*)
- Safflower seed (*Carthamus tinctorius*)
- Bean seed (*Phaseolus* spp.)
- Soybean (*Glycine max*)
- Mung beans, cowpeas (*Vigna* spp.)
- Lentils (*Lens culinaris*)
- Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*)
- Coriander seed (*Coriandrum sativum*)
- Celery seed (*Apium graveolens*)
- Peanuts (*Arachis hypogaea*)
- Dried chillies/capsicum (*Capsicum* spp.)
- Faba bean (*Vicia faba*)
- Pigeon Pea (*Cajanus cajan*)

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- Pea seed (*Pisum sativum*)
- Fennel seed (*Foeniculum* spp).

The following exclusions apply:

- Retorted goods that are commercially manufactured and packaged
- Goods that are blanched, roasted, fried, boiled, malted or pasteurised that are commercially manufactured and packaged
- Commercially manufactured frozen food and frozen plant products or oils derived from vegetables or seed.

Banning high-risk plant products from entering Australia as unaccompanied personal effects and within low value air and sea freight lodged through SAC (Phase 1) (excluding goods imported as commercial samples and for research purposes) is expected to be implemented in August 2020. Subsequent phases are expected to be implemented throughout the remainder of 2020.

Further information on the specific details regarding the actions under each phase and the exact dates of implementation will be provided via Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) alerts and Industry Advice Notices (IANs).

The Department will vary any existing permits, where required. Affected import permit holders will be contacted by the Department to discuss this prior to the variation.

AU: Container Transport Interface Cost Rise from September 1

Due to further increases to terminal access charges and other ancillary charges to both terminals and empty container parks around the country, effective September 1, 2020, the following wharf ancillary charges will be applicable to all import and export containers:

	QLD	NSW	VIC	SA	WA
Time Slot Booking Fee	AUD 35.00	AUD 40.00	AUD 35.00	AUD 35.00	AUD 35.00
Empty Container Park Fee	AUD 65.00	AUD 80.00	AUD 50.00	AUD 50.00	AUD 35.00
Wharf Infrastructure Fee	AUD 120.00	AUD 135.00	AUD 155.00	AUD 70.00	AUD 60.00

Note: Charges are per container

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the notices held within, please contact your Key Account Manager or a C.H. Robinson representative.

Sincerely,
C.H. Robinson.

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