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Planned Urgent Actions for Khapra Beetle

Dear Valued Customer,

The Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment (the Department) has announced it intends to implement proposed actions against the Khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) and the import of shipping containers ahead of schedule.

The Khapra beetle is a significant threat to Australian plant industries, including the grain export industry. Khapra beetle destroys grain quality making it unfit for human or animal consumption. Stored products also become contaminated with beetles, cast skins and hairs from larvae, which can be a human health risk

Australia has seen an increase in detections of the Khapra beetle during 2020, in commodities that the pest previously had no association with, from countries not known to have Khapra beetle, and as contaminants in shipping containers.

On August 13, 2020, the Department issued a notice informing stakeholders of its intention to implement urgent actions to plant products that are hosts of Khapra beetle to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of the pest.

In response to the recent and increasing hitchhiker risk of Khapra beetle in shipping containers, the Department has determined that changes to the management of containers is now an immediate priority for addressing Khapra beetle risk. New measures for containers (previously planned as a phase 6 implementation) will be brought forward ahead of the proposals for plant products and seeds for sowing.

The Department are currently working through what the revised measures for shipping containers will involve. A range of measures are being considered, including possible treatment options.

C.H. Robinson will provide further information on the proposed measures for containers over the coming months.

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the notice held within, please contact your Key Account Manager or a C.H. Robinson representative.

Sincerely,
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