



Client Advisory

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Update: Khapra Beetle – Phase 3

Dear Valued Customer,

The Department of Agriculture, Water, and the Environment (the Department) have [issued an update](#) to protect our borders from the Khapra Beetle.

The below outlines what has changed:

[“Phase 3 of the khapra beetle urgent actions”](#) commences on 30 September 2021 and applies to high-risk plant products exported on or after this date. Phase 3 introduces mandatory offshore treatment and phytosanitary certification requirements for high-risk plant products exported from Khapra beetle target-risk countries. Approved treatments are methyl bromide fumigation, heat treatment and controlled atmosphere treatment.

To support the implementation of Phase 3 of the Khapra beetle measures, we have published the final controlled atmosphere treatment methodology on our [website](#).

Summary of changes to the controlled atmosphere treatment methodology from the consultation draft:

- Clarifications to language and amendments to typographical errors
- Changes to pressure testing requirements for sheeted enclosures
- Changes to requirements for the use of a vaporiser when applying carbon dioxide and nitrogen gas to an enclosure
- Addition of minimum accuracy requirements for gas concentration monitoring equipment
- Addition of a definition for pressure testing to the glossary

An import permit is required for high-risk plant products that have been treated using a controlled atmosphere treatment. The goods must have an import permit before they arrive in Australia. [Apply for an import permit through BICON](#).

Please note, in scope rice and milling products impacted by Phase 3 measures can continue to be lodged under the class 19.2 AEPCOMM approved arrangement. Please ensure that all new BICON import conditions have been met.

For further information, please refer to:

- [Urgent actions to protect against khapra beetle](#)
- [Khapra beetle bulletin](#)
- [Approved commodities and related information for class 19.2 AEPCOMM approved arrangement”](#)

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely,
C.H. Robinson