

# CustomerInfo

Australia – Khapra Beetle update: Important

Hapag-Lloyd

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Dear Customers,

We would like to inform you that the Australian Department of Agriculture has introduced mandatory offshore treatment requirements for target risk sea containers **with effect from 12th April 2021** to protect against khapra beetle. [Khapra beetle \(Trogoderma granarium\)](#) is a destructive pest that can reproduce rapidly in stored products under hot conditions and is considered as a significant biosecurity risk to Australia. Kindly refer to appendix for the list of High Risk Plant Products & High Risk Countries.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in export of the container upon arrival in Australia.  
All the costs will be on customer's account.

## Targeted risk containers

- Full / Full consolidated box containing high risk plant products packed in a Khapra Beetle-risk country; implementation date: 12 April 2021
- Full / Full consolidated box packed in a Khapra Beetle-risk country AND destined for a rural grain growing area of Australia; mid-2021 (Date TBC).

## Approved treatments

- Methyl bromide fumigation
- Heat treatment
- Insecticide spray

## The following exclusions apply:

- Goods that are thermally processed that are commercially manufactured and packaged such as retorted, blanched, roasted, fried, par-boiled, boiled, puffed, malted or pasteurised goods

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- Goods that are chemically processed and preserved such as with a Formalin Propionic Acid fixative, Formalin Acetic acid alcohol, Carnoy's fixative or ethanol.
- Fresh vegetables
- Commercially manufactured frozen or freeze-dried food (perishable foodstuffs only)
- Frozen plant samples for plant research (including through the use of liquid nitrogen and freeze drying)
- Oils derived from vegetables or seed
- Preserved or pickled (such as in vinegar or alcohol)
- Goods that have been refined or extracted to obtain specific components from plant-based raw materials. Examples include starch, lecithin, protein, cellulose, sugars and pigments.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to your local Hapag-Lloyd offices for further enquiries. Thank you for your kind support!

Appendix:**High Risk Plant Products**

Product	Tariff item code
Rice ( <i>Oryza sativa</i> )	1209, 1006
Chickpeas ( <i>Cicer arietinum</i> )	1209, 0713, 1106
Cucurbit seed ( <i>Cucurbita</i> , <i>Cucur</i> <i>Citrullus</i> spp.)	1209, 1207
Cumin seed ( <i>Cuminum cyminum</i> )	1209, 0909
Safflower seed ( <i>Carthamus tinctorius</i> )	1209, 1207
Bean seed ( <i>Phaseolus</i> spp.)	1209, 0713, 1106
Soybean ( <i>Glycine max</i> )	1209, 1201
Mung beans, cowpeas ( <i>Vigna</i> spp.)	1209, 0713, 1106
Lentils ( <i>Lens culinaris</i> )	1209, 0713, 1106
Wheat ( <i>Triticum aestivum</i> )	1209, 1001, 1104, 1103, 1101
Coriander seed ( <i>Coriandrum sativum</i> )	1209, 0909
Celery seed ( <i>Apium graveolens</i> )	1209
Peanuts ( <i>Arachis hypogaea</i> )	1209, 1202, 0713, 1106
Dried chillies/capsicum ( <i>Capsicum</i> spp.)	0904
Faba bean ( <i>Vicia faba</i> )	1209, 0713, 1106
Pigeon Pea ( <i>Cajanus cajan</i> )	1209, 0713, 1106
Pea seed ( <i>Pisum sativum</i> )	1209, 0713, 1106

Product	Tariff item code
Fennel seed ( <i>Foeniculum spp.</i> )	1209, 0909

### **High Risk Countries**

Khapra beetle is found throughout Asia, Africa, the Middle East and Europe. The department has identified the following countries as those where khapra beetle is present:

- Afghanistan
- Albania
- Algeria
- Bangladesh
- Benin
- Burkina Faso
- Côte d'Ivoire (Ivory Coast)
- Cyprus
- Egypt
- Ghana
- Greece
- India
- Iran, Islamic Republic of
- Iraq
- Israel
- Kuwait
- Lebanon
- Libya
- Mali
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Niger

- Nigeria
- Oman
- Pakistan
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- Senegal
- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Sri Lanka
- Sudan
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Timor-Leste
- Tunisia
- Turkey
- United Arab Emirates
- Yemen

**For further details:**

- <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/industry-advice/2021/34-2021>
- <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/industry-advice/2021/17-2021>
- <https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/sea-container-measures#rural-grain-growing-areas>

**See also the following articles on the Shipping Australia website:**

- [Increasing biosecurity risk from voracious plant pest](#)
- [Khapra Beetle: Department of Ag imposes drastic measures on trade](#)
- [DAWE ramps up action against Khapra Beetle](#)