

# GTA MARKET NOTIFICATIONS



No. 3 of 21 Import Industry Advice Notice—Further information on Khapra beetle

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**Australian Government**  
Department of Agriculture,  
Water and the Environment

**Further detail on khapra beetle actions for sea containers and associated information sessions** has been published on the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website and can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/import/industry-advice/2021/17-2021>

## Who does this notice affect?

Stakeholders in the import and shipping industries—including vessel masters, freight forwarders, treatment providers, Biosecurity Industry Participants, importers, customs brokers, principal shipping agents, and any other operators in the sea container supply and logistics chain.

## What has changed?

On 19 November 2020, the department issued industry advice notice ([197-2020](#)) informing stakeholders of its plans to implement new measures for sea containers to address the hitchhiking risk of khapra beetle. Further information on these measures is now available, as detailed below.

### Phase 6A: New measures for target risk sea containers

Phase 6A will introduce offshore treatment requirements for target risk sea containers from 12 April 2021. To comply with the new measures, all target risk containers exported on or after 12 April 2021 must be treated and accompanied by a valid treatment certificate or phytosanitary certificate.

A target risk container is defined as a:

FCL/FCX container carrying [high-risk plant products](#) and loaded in a khapra beetle [target risk country](#)

FCL/FCX container shipped from a khapra beetle [target risk country](#) and destined to a rural grain growing area of Australia.

Note: ISO tanks, reefers, flat racks, LCL /FAK and containers that will be shipped as empty containers are excluded from the measures.

Target risk containers will be required to be treated offshore prior to loading the goods using one of the below options:

[Methyl bromide fumigation](#): Prior to loading the goods, the container must be fumigated with a dose of 80 g/m<sup>3</sup> or above, at 21°C or above, for a minimum of 48 hours, with an end point reading of 20 g/m<sup>3</sup> or above. The fumigation must be conducted in a sheeted enclosure and in accordance with the [Methyl Bromide Fumigation Methodology](#).

[Heat treatment](#): Prior to loading the goods, the container must be heat treated at 60°C or higher for a minimum of 120 minutes. The treatment must be conducted in accordance with the [Heat Treatment Methodology](#). Additional container-specific heat treatment instructions will be released prior to implementation of Phase 6A.

[Insecticide spray](#): Prior to loading the goods, the container must be sprayed with contact insecticide. Additional details on this treatment option will be released prior to implementation of Phase 6A.



## Phase 6B: New measures for high-risk sea containers

Phase 6B is expected to commence in late 2021 and will introduce measures to a broader range of containers (i.e. all high-risk containers). Further information about these measures, including details on consultation, will be made available on our [website](#).

### Information sessions

The department is holding virtual information sessions to provide more information on the Phase 6A changes. There are three separate information sessions to accommodate people's schedules. Please note, the content will be the same at each information session.

The information sessions are:

- 9:30 – 11:30 (AEDT), Tuesday, 23 February 2021
- 10:30 – 12:30 (AEDT), Thursday, 25 February 2021
- 14:00 – 16:00 (AEDT), Friday, 26 February 2021

Register to attend: [khapra-beetle-containers-information-sessions.eventbrite.com.au](https://khapra-beetle-containers-information-sessions.eventbrite.com.au)

### Further information

For further information, see:

[Urgent actions to protect against khapra beetle \(\*Trogoderma granarium\*\)](#) webpage  
[Khapra beetle bulletin](#)

Enquiries can be sent via email to [imports@agriculture.gov.au](mailto:imports@agriculture.gov.au) (please title the subject line of the email with 'Plant Tier 2 – khapra urgent actions').