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NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

Addendum

The following communication, received on 9 December 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

Notification of emergency measures for Khapra beetle

On 4 August 2020, Australia issued a SPS notification (G/SPS/N/AUS/502) informing trading partners of its intention to implement emergency measures to plant products that are hosts of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of this pest.

The purpose of this addendum is to provide trading partners with advance notification that Australia will be updating its list of khapra beetle target risk countries. This amendment is supported by a recent assessment of the current international distribution of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*).

From 16 December 2020, Australia's list of khapra beetle target risk countries will be updated to the following list:

Afghanistan; Albania; Algeria; Bangladesh; Benin; Burkina Faso; Côte d'Ivoire; Cyprus; Egypt; Ghana; Greece; India; Iran; Iraq; Israel; Kuwait, the State of; Lebanese Republic; Libya; Mali; Mauritania; Morocco; Myanmar; Nepal; Niger; Nigeria; Oman; Pakistan; Qatar; Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of; Senegal; Somalia; South Sudan; Sri Lanka; Sudan; Syrian Arab Republic; Timor-Leste; Tunisia; Turkey; United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Yemen.

Certification requirements

Australia's phytosanitary certification requirements for certain plant products differ depending on the country of origin or export. FCL consignments of seeds, grains and dried plant products imported from a:

- Khapra beetle target risk country must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate with the following additional declaration: "*The plant product(s) were inspected and found free from Khapra beetle (Trogoderma granarium)*";
- Country not listed as a khapra beetle target risk country must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate.

As notified in previous addenda, Australia will also implement revised phytosanitary certification requirements for certain plant products as part of its emergency measures to address khapra beetle in mid-late 2021. These revisions will affect both khapra beetle target risk countries and countries not listed as a khapra beetle target risk country.

Further information

Additional information on the Australia's khapra beetle emergency measures can be found on the department's website: <https://agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/urgent-actions>.

Complete import conditions and details regarding these measures will be outlined in the Biosecurity

Import Conditions system (BICON) prior to the implementation date.

This addendum concerns a:

- Modification of final date for comments
- Modification of content and/or scope of previously notified regulation
- Withdrawal of regulation
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- Other:

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