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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> AUSTRALIA <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment
<b>3. Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> The following goods (in various raw and processed forms): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>) [Tariff 1209, 1006]</li><li>- Chickpeas (<i>Cicer arietinum</i>) [Tariff 1209, 07131106]</li><li>- Cucurbit seed (<i>Cucurbita spp.</i>) [Tariff 1209, 1207]</li><li>- Cumin seed (<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0909]</li><li>- Safflower seed (<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i>) [Tariff 1209, 1207]</li><li>- Bean seed (<i>Phaseolus</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0713, 1106]</li><li>- Soybean (<i>Glycine max</i>) [Tariff 1209, 1201]</li><li>- Mung beans, cowpeas (<i>Vigna</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0713, 1106]</li><li>- Lentils (<i>Lens culinaris</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0713, 1106]</li><li>- Wheat (<i>Triticum aestivum</i>) [Tariff 1209, 1001, 1104, 1103, 1101]</li><li>- Coriander seed (<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0909]</li><li>- Celery seed (<i>Apium graveolens</i>) [Tariff 1209]</li><li>- Peanuts (<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>) [Tariff 1209, 1202, 0713, 1106]</li><li>- Dried peppers (<i>Capsicum spp</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0904]</li><li>- Faba bean (<i>Vicia faba</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0713, 1106]</li><li>- Pigeon Pea (<i>Cajanus cajan</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0713, 1106]</li><li>- Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0713, 1106]</li><li>- Fennel seed (<i>Foeniculum spp.</i>) [Tariff 1209, 0909]</li></ul> <p>The following exclusions apply: retorted goods that are commercially manufactured and packaged, commercial manufactured frozen food and frozen plant products, or as fresh vegetables.</p>
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Notification of emergency measures for Khapra beetle. <b>Language(s):</b> English. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2
<b>6. Description of content:</b> Notification to trading partners, that within the next two months Australia proposes to implement emergency measures to high risk plant products that are hosts of khapra beetle ( <i>Trogoderma granarium</i> ) to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of this pest.  The emergency measures for high risk plant products will be implemented in a number of phases and include (but are not limited to):  Prohibiting high risk plant products, from being brought in through non-commercial pathways i.e. luggage, mail and unaccompanied personal effects from all countries

<p>Introducing mandatory offshore treatment of high risk plant products from countries determined to pose an unacceptable khapra beetle risk. III. Extending phytosanitary certification to all high risk plant products verifying freedom from species of <i>Trogoderma</i>.</p> <p>Prohibiting high risk plant products from being brought in through the unaccompanied personal effects pathway (phase 1) is expected to be implemented in August 2020. Addendums to this SPS notification will be published to notify the implementation date for phase 1; and to notify the measures and implementation dates for subsequent phases. Specific details regarding the measures will be outlined in the Biosecurity Import Conditions system (BICON) on the Australia's Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment website prior to the implementation date.</p> <p>Additional measures for lower risk plant products are also being considered and may include extending phytosanitary certification to include verification of freedom from species of <i>Trogoderma</i>. Additional measures to manage the hitchhiking risk of khapra beetle in containers are being considered which may include treatments of containers prior to loading of goods; and treatment of empty containers.</p> <p>To assist with the implementation, Australia is requesting countries for relevant information consistent with ISPM 8 on the status of <i>T. granarium</i> in their territories. This notification provides an opportunity for Australia's trading partners to provide any information on the status of <i>T. granarium</i> in their countries, and to identify evidence to support their response.</p>
<p><b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.</p>
<p><b>8. Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Khapra beetle, <i>Trogoderma granarium</i> (Everts 1898) [Coleoptera: Dermestidae], is a quarantine pest for Australia and quarantine procedures are in place to prevent its introduction.</p> <p>The number of interceptions of Khapra beetle in goods and containers has increased in recent years worldwide especially from countries where established populations of Khapra beetle exist. Khapra beetle is also being intercepted in goods from countries where the beetle is not known to occur. These detections are significant and are indicative of a changing pathway risk profile.</p>
<p><b>9. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> ISPM 1 and ISPM 8</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<p><b>10. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<p><b>11. Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> Phase 1 is expected to enter into force in the latter half of August 2020. Specific date will be notified through an addendum to this SPS notification.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>

**12. Agency or authority designated to handle comments:  National Notification Authority,  National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:**

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