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Σε συνέχεια σχετικής πληροφόρησης από τον Εθνικό Οργανισμό Προστασίας Φυτών (NPPO) της Αυστραλίας, σας ενημερώνουμε τα ακόλουθα:

1. Ο επιβλαβής οργανισμός *Trogoderma granarium* αποτελεί οργανισμό προτεραιότητας για την Αυστραλία διότι είναι εξαιρετικά επεκτατικό είδος, δεν απαντάται στη χώρα και η παρουσία του καταστρέφει την ποιότητα των σιτηρών καθιστώντας τα ακατάλληλα για κατανάλωση τόσο από τον άνθρωπο όσο και από τα ζώα.

2. Τα τρέχοντα μέτρα της Αυστραλίας για το *Trogoderma granarium* (khapra beetle) περιλαμβάνουν:

- Τα φυτικά προϊόντα υψηλού κινδύνου προερχόμενα από χώρα-υψηλής επικινδυνότητας για το khapra beetle πρέπει να υποβάλλονται σε μεταχείριση χρησιμοποιώντας μια από της εγκεκριμένες μεθόδους μεταχείρισης από τον NPPO της Αυστραλίας και

- Τα θαλάσσια εμπορευματοκιβώτια full Container Load/Full Container Consolidated (FCL/FCX) από χώρα-υψηλής επικινδυνότητας, πρέπει να υποβάλλονται σε εγκεκριμένη μεταχείριση εάν περιλαμβάνουν φυτικά προϊόντα υψηλού κινδύνου.

3. Στις **28 Μαΐου 2025**, θα εισαχθούν νέες απαιτήσεις σχετικά με το *Trogoderma granarium* και την φυτοϋγειονομική πιστοποίηση φορτίων που εξάγονται στην Αυστραλία. Θα υπάρξουν **τρεις βασικές αλλαγές**:

- I. Αναθεωρημένη διατύπωση στην πρόσθετη δήλωση του πιστοποιητικού φυτοϋγείας για φορτία που περιλαμβάνουν αέριο-διαπερατές συσκευασίες (gas-permeable packing requirements).
- II. Στις περιπτώσεις μεταχείρισης φορτίων από μη εγκεκριμένους παρόδους (από τον Εθνικό Οργανισμό Προστασίας Φυτών της Αυστραλίας), απαιτείται η εποπτεία κατά την μεταχείριση του φορτίου από τις τοπικές υπηρεσίες Φυτοϋγειονομικού ελέγχου της χώρας μας. Το φυτοϋγειονομικό πιστοποιητικό που συνοδεύει αυτές τις αποστολές πρέπει να περιέχει νέα πρόσθετη δήλωση που να πιστοποιεί την επίβλεψη της επεξεργασίας.
- III. Τροποποίηση απαιτήσεων για φορτία που υφίστανται υποκαπνισμό με βρωμιούχο μεθύλιο (δεν έχει εφαρμογή για την χώρα μας λόγω απαγόρευσης χρήσης του).

4. Επισυνάπτονται τα ακόλουθα έγγραφα του Εθνικού οργανισμού Φυτοπροστασίας (NPPO) της Αυστραλίας προς ενημέρωση των φυτοϋγειονομικών υπηρεσιών:

- A. Συνημμένο Α - Ενημέρωση για τις νέες απαιτήσεις της Αυστραλίας σχετικά με τον επιβλαβή οργανισμό *Trogoderma granarium*.
- B. Συνημμένο Β - Ενημερωτικό δελτίο - Επικείμενες αλλαγές στις μεταχειρίσεις και τις απαιτήσεις φυτοϋγειονομικής πιστοποίησης φορτίων που πρόκειται να εξαχθούν στην Αυστραλία.
- C. Συνημμένο Γ – Αλλαγές στις μεταχειρίσεις φορτίων για το *Trogoderma granarium* - μη εγγεγραμμένοι πάροχοι στο σχετικό μητρώο του NPPO της Αυστραλίας.

Παρακαλούνται οι φυτοϋγειονομικές υπηρεσίες της χώρας για την ενημέρωση των εξαγωγέων στην περιοχή αρμοδιότητάς τους.

Η ΠΡΟΪΣΤΑΜΕΝΗ ΤΗΣ ΔΙΕΥΘΥΝΣΗΣ

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3. Αλλαγές στις μεταχειρίσεις φορτίων για το *Trogoderma granarium* - μη εγγεγραμμένοι πάροχοι στο σχετικό μητρώο του NPPO της Αυστραλίας (Σελ. 03).



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ΠΙΝΑΚΑΣ ΔΙΑΝΟΜΗΣ

ΘΕΜΑ: «Τροποποίηση των φυτοϋγειονομικών απαιτήσεων της Αυστραλίας που αφορούν τον επιβλαβή οργανισμό *Trogoderma granarium*»

ΣΧΕΤ.: το υπ' αριθμ. πρωτ. 948899/08-04-2025 έγγραφο του τμήματος Φυτοϋγειονομικού Ελέγχου του ΥΠΑΑΤ

Ο επιβλαβής οργανισμός *Trogoderma granarium* αποτελεί οργανισμό προτεραιότητας για την Αυστραλία διότι είναι εξαιρετικά επεκτατικό είδος, δεν απαντάται στη χώρα και η παρουσία του καταστρέφει την ποιότητα των σιτηρών καθιστώντας τα ακατάλληλα για κατανάλωση τόσο από τον άνθρωπο όσο και από τα ζώα.

Σε συνέχεια του ανωτέρω σχετικού εγγράφου θα θέλαμε να σας ενημερώσουμε για την τροποποίηση των φυτοϋγειονομικών απαιτήσεων της Αυστραλίας που αφορούν τον ανωτέρω επιβλαβή οργανισμό.

Οι σημαντικότερες αλλαγές συνοψίζονται παρακάτω:

1. Τα φυτικά προϊόντα υψηλού κινδύνου του παρακάτω πίνακα προερχόμενα από χώρα-υψηλής επικινδυνότητας για το khapra beetle όπως η Ελλάδα, πρέπει να υποβάλλονται σε μεταχείριση χρησιμοποιώντας μια από της εγκεκριμένες μεθόδους μεταχείρισης από τον NPPO της Αυστραλίας
2. Τα θαλάσσια εμπορευματοκιβώτια full Container Load/Full Container Consolidated (FCL/FCX) από χώρα-υψηλής επικινδυνότητας, πρέπει να υποβάλλονται σε εγκεκριμένη μεταχείριση εάν περιλαμβάνουν φυτικά προϊόντα υψηλού κινδύνου.
3. Ημερομηνία έναρξης των νέων απαιτήσεων είναι η 28^η Μαΐου 2025. Σ' αυτές περιλαμβάνονται i) η αναθεωρημένη διατύπωση στην πρόσθετη δήλωση του πιστοποιητικού φυτοϋγείας για

φορτία που περιλαμβάνουν αέριο-διαπερατές συσκευασίες (gas-permeable packing requirements) και ii) στις περιπτώσεις μεταχείρισης φορτίων από μη εγκεκριμένους παρόδους (από τον Εθνικό Οργανισμό Προστασίας Φυτών της Αυστραλίας), απαιτείται η εποπτεία κατά την μεταχείριση του φορτίου από τις τοπικές υπηρεσίες Φυτοϋγειονομικού ελέγχου της χώρας μας. Το φυτοϋγειονομικό πιστοποιητικό που συνοδεύει αυτές τις αποστολές πρέπει να περιέχει νέα πρόσθετη δήλωση που να πιστοποιεί την επίβλεψη της επεξεργασίας.

Φυτικά προϊόντα υψηλού κινδύνου ξενιστές του <i>Trogoderma granarium</i>:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bean seed (<i>Phaseolus</i> spp.)• Celery seed (<i>Apium graveolens</i>)• Chickpeas (<i>Cicer arietinum</i>)• Coriander seed (<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>)• Cucurbit seed (<i>Cucurbita</i>, <i>Cucumis</i>, <i>Citrullus</i> spp.)• Cumin seed (<i>Cuminum cyminum</i>)• Dried chillies/capsicum (<i>Capsicum</i> spp.)• Faba bean, broad bean, fava bean (<i>Vicia faba</i>)• Fennel seed (<i>Foeniculum vulgare</i>)• Lentils (<i>Lens culinaris</i>)• Mung beans, cowpeas (<i>Vigna</i> spp.)• Pea seed (<i>Pisum sativum</i>)• Peanuts (<i>Arachis hypogaea</i>)• Pigeon Pea seed (<i>Cajanus cajan</i>)• Rice (<i>Oryza sativa</i>)• Safflower seed (<i>Carthamus tinctorius</i>)• Soybean (<i>Glycine max</i>)• Wheat seed (<i>Triticum</i> spp.)

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27 March 2025

Dear Treatment Provider

I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to Australia's import conditions for plant products and sea containers requiring treatment for khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*). Australia's current khapra beetle measures include:

1. [High-risk plant products](#) imported from khapra beetle [target risk country](#) must be treated offshore using an [approved treatment option](#) and
2. Full Container Load/Full Container Consolidated (FCL/FCX) sea containers packed in a [target risk country](#), must be treated using an [approved treatment option](#) if they are packed with high-risk plant products OR will be unpacked in a [rural khapra risk postcode](#) of Australia.

On **28 May 2025**, we are changing our import conditions for khapra beetle treatments and phytosanitary certification. There will be **three key changes**:

1. Revised import conditions to clarify gas-permeable packaging requirements
2. New National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) supervision requirements for treatments by certain providers
3. Removal of requirement for fourth concentration line for container fumigations.

The revised conditions will apply to consignments that have been treated **on or after 28 May 2025**.

Change 1: Revised import conditions to clarify gas-permeable packaging requirements

Australia has detected live khapra beetle in multiple consignments that were certified as being treated. This indicates that some treatment providers may not fully understand the gas permeable requirements for packaging when treating high-risk plant products.

Australia's current import condition requires goods to be '*fumigated prior to packing*'. This condition is intended to mean that goods were treated **before being sealed in impermeable packaging**. It **does not** mean that the goods were treated before packing into a sea containers or external packaging (such as cardboard boxes or shrink wrap).

Updated requirements

From 28 May 2025, our import conditions for treatment packaging requirements will be changed to:

"The goods were fumigated in gas permeable packaging" or

"The goods were fumigated prior to being sealed in gas impermeable packaging"

This change is being made to make our conditions clearer. This condition applies to methyl bromide fumigation and controlled atmosphere treatment of high-risk plant products.

Actions for treatment providers

Treatment providers must ensure that the goods are treated under the following conditions:

- In **gas permeable packaging** (e.g. porous or perforated materials), before outer packaging is applied (e.g. shrink wrapping) OR
- In **bulk** (e.g. with no packaging) OR
- In **impermeable packaging** that is **open** at the time of treatment.

Treatments must be conducted in a way that **ensures gas can effectively penetrate the goods**. Fumigating goods that are already sealed in impermeable packaging will not be considered compliant.

For clear guidance on suitable and unsuitable packaging types, refer to the [Infographic: Methyl bromide fumigation of high-risk plant products - packaging requirements](#).

Change 2: New NPPO treatment supervision requirement for unacceptable treatment providers

From 28 May 2025, all methyl bromide and heat treatments to for khapra beetle conducted by **unacceptable treatment providers** must be directly supervised by the exporting government's certifying agency (NPPO). This applies to providers listed as 'unacceptable' or 'under review' on the [List of unregistered treatment providers](#).

Actions for treatment providers

From 28 May 2025, unacceptable treatment providers, that is those listed as unacceptable' or 'under review' on the [List of unregistered treatment providers](#), must:

1. Perform all khapra beetle treatments under direct supervision of your NPPO. Note: this is only relevant for khapra treatments and not apply to non-khapra treatments.
2. Ensure the NPPO is present to supervise the following parts of the treatment, which must be certified on the phytosanitary certificate:
 - monitoring of start and end point concentration readings (*applicable for fumigation*).
 - Placement of temperature sensors (*applicable for heat treatment*).

This requirement applies to the treatment of [high-risk plant products](#) and [FCL/FXC sea containers](#) subject to Australia's khapra beetle measures.

This requirement does not apply to treatments performed by 'generic' on the unregistered treatment providers list. These treatments can continue without NPPO supervision.

All treatments must continue to:



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- be performed in accordance with the [Methyl bromide fumigation methodology](#) and [Heat treatment methodology](#).
- Meet Australia's requirements for post-treatment phytosanitary inspection and certification declaring freedom from khapra beetle.

More information on Australia's pre-border biosecurity treatment assurance schemes is included on the department's website: [Treating cargo outside Australia - DAFF](#).

Change 3: Removal of fourth concentration sampling tube for container fumigations

From 28 May 2025, khapra beetle fumigations of sea containers **no longer require a fourth concentration sampling tube** underneath the container.

Following a review of the effectiveness of the fourth sampling tube it was found that the small difference in concentration inside the container compared with underneath the container remains within the threshold for equilibrium and minimum required concentration. Therefore, three sampling tubes are sufficient to ensure effective penetration of gas under the container floor, in accordance with the [Methyl bromide fumigation methodology](#).

Further information

We will be holding **online information sessions** to assist you with understanding these requirements. Session dates and registration details will be provided via email in the coming weeks.

For more information on these changes, refer to the **Factsheet: khapra beetle treatments for Australian imports – Upcoming changes to requirements** or contact the department directly at offshoretreatments@aff.gov.au. We appreciate your cooperation in complying with our requirements to protect Australia from the risks of khapra beetle.

Yours sincerely

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27 March 2025

Khapra beetle treatments for Australian imports

Upcoming changes to treatment and certification requirements

Australia currently has emergency measures in place to manage the risk of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) in goods imported into Australia. This includes mandatory pre-border treatment of [high-risk plant products](#) and certain [sea containers](#) that are packed in [khapra beetle target-risk countries](#).

On **28 May 2025**, new requirements for khapra beetle treatments and phytosanitary certification will be introduced. There will be **three key changes**:

1. Revised additional declaration on the phytosanitary certificate to certify compliance with gas-permeable packaging requirements for treatments of high-risk plant products.
2. Mandatory supervision by the exporting government's National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) of certain treatment providers. A new additional declaration will be required on the phytosanitary certificate to certify compliance with this requirement.
3. Removal of the fourth concentration sampling tube requirement for methyl bromide fumigation of sea containers.

Further detail on these changes is provided on pages 2-4.



Images 1–3 show khapra beetle adults and juvenile larvae on plant products. Images 4–6 show instances of khapra beetle detected on products, packaging and shipping containers imported into Australia.

Change 1: Revised wording for gas permeable packaging additional declaration

From 28 May 2025, the wording of the additional declaration used to certify compliance with packaging permeability requirements will change. The new wording is detailed in **Table 1** below.

This applies to [high-risk plant products](#) from khapra beetle [target-risk countries](#) [treated](#) with methyl bromide or controlled atmosphere.

Table 1: Current and new additional declarations regarding permeable packaging

Import type	Current additional declaration	New additional declaration from 28 May 2025
High-risk plant products packed in a khapra beetle target-risk country	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “The goods were fumigated in gas permeable packaging” OR• “The goods were fumigated prior to packing” OR• “Impermeable packaging was open during fumigation.”	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• “The goods were fumigated in gas permeable packaging” OR• “The goods were fumigated prior to being sealed in gas impermeable packaging”

This change is to clarify that product packaging must be gas permeable at the time of treatment. It does not introduce a new requirement.

As per existing requirements, [high-risk plant products](#) treated with methyl bromide or controlled atmosphere must be in one of the following at the time of treatment:

- **Bulk** (unpackaged)
- **Gas permeable packaging** (e.g. porous or perforated materials) before outer packaging is applied (e.g. shrink wrap)
- **Impermeable packaging** that is **open**.

For examples of suitable and unsuitable packaging types, refer to the [Infographic: Fumigation of high-risk plant products - Packaging requirements](#).

Change 2: New government supervision requirement and additional declaration for certain treatment providers

At present, khapra beetle treatments are accepted from treatment providers of any status, when endorsed on a phytosanitary certificate. From 28 May 2025, khapra beetle treatments must be directly supervised by the exporting government’s NPPO if they are conducted by a treatment provider that is listed as:

- **Suspended, Under Review or Withdrawn** on Australia’s [list of registered treatment providers](#)
- **Unacceptable or Under Review** on Australia’s [list of unregistered treatment providers](#).

This requirement will apply to treatments of:

- [High-risk plant products](#) exported from a khapra beetle [target-risk country](#)
- Full Container Load (FCL)/Full Container Consolidated (FCX) sea containers packed in a khapra beetle [target-risk country](#) that are either:
 - packed with [high-risk plant products](#), or
 - will be [unpacked in a rural khapra risk postcode](#) of Australia.

The phytosanitary certificate accompanying these consignments must contain a new additional declaration to certify compliance with the requirement in accordance with the **Table 2** below.

Note: Treatments conducted by treatment providers that are listed as ‘**Approved**’ on the [list of treatment providers](#) or ‘**Generic**’ on the [list of unregistered treatment providers](#) are **not affected** by this change and should continue to follow existing requirements.

Table 2: Current and new additional declarations for treatments performed by providers listed as Suspended, Under Review, Withdrawn or Unacceptable.

Import type	Current additional declaration	New additional declaration from 28 May 2025
High-risk plant products packed in a khapra beetle target-risk country	<p>For methyl bromide fumigation: <i>“The goods were fumigated with methyl bromide in accordance with Australia’s methyl bromide fumigation methodology as per the attached methyl bromide fumigation certificate [insert treatment certificate number]”</i></p> <p>For heat treatment: <i>“The goods were treated in accordance with Australia’s heat treatment methodology as per the attached heat treatment certificate [insert certificate number].”</i></p>	<p>For methyl bromide fumigation: <i>“The monitoring of start and end point concentration readings were conducted under direct NPPO supervision, and the treatment was performed in accordance with Australia’s methyl bromide fumigation methodology as per the attached methyl bromide fumigation certificate [insert certificate number].”</i></p> <p>For heat treatment: <i>“The temperature sensors were placed under direct NPPO supervision, and the treatment was performed in accordance with Australia’s heat treatment methodology as per the attached heat treatment certificate [insert certificate number].”</i></p>
FCL/FCX sea containers packed in a khapra beetle target-risk country and either packed with high-risk plant products OR will be unpacked in a rural khapra risk postcode of Australia	NA: there is no existing declaration	<p>For methyl bromide fumigation: <i>“The monitoring of start and end point concentration readings were conducted under direct NPPO supervision, and the treatment was performed in accordance with Australia’s methyl bromide fumigation methodology as per the attached methyl bromide fumigation certificate [insert certificate number].”</i></p> <p>For heat treatment: <i>“The temperature sensors were placed under direct NPPO supervision, and the treatment was performed in accordance with Australia’s heat treatment methodology as per the attached heat treatment certificate [insert certificate]</i></p>

Change 3: Removal of fourth concentration sampling tube requirement for container fumigations

At present, methyl bromide fumigations of sea containers to manage khapra beetle require a fourth concentration sampling tube positioned underneath the container. Sampling tubes are used by treatment providers performing fumigation treatments to ensure the fumigant concentration is reached and maintained for the full exposure period of the treatment.

From 28 May 2025, **the fourth concentration sampling tube underneath the container will no longer be required** for container fumigations.

Following a review of the effectiveness of the fourth concentration sampling tube, it was found that the small difference in concentration readings taken from inside the container compared with underneath the container remains within the threshold for equilibrium and minimum required concentration. Therefore, three sampling tubes are sufficient to ensure effective penetration of gas under the container floor. This change will align khapra beetle fumigations with standard fumigation practices and simplify treatments.

Commencement date and transitional period

The revised conditions will apply to consignments that are accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate issued on or after 28 May 2025. A transitional period will be provided to facilitate compliance. During this period, phytosanitary certificate declarations that meet the old requirements will still be accepted. Once the transitional period ends, all khapra beetle treatments must comply with the updated requirements. The dates for the transitional period are yet to be finalised but will be published on our website once confirmed.

More information

Learn more about Australia's [khapra beetle measures](#)

View our lists of [pre-border biosecurity treatment providers](#)

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Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the continuous connection of First Nations Traditional Owners and Custodians to the lands, seas and waters of Australia. We recognise their care for and cultivation of Country. We pay respect to Elders past and present, and recognise their knowledge and contribution to the productivity, innovation and sustainability of Australia's agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries.

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Australian Government
Department of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Forestry

27 March 2025

Dear National Plant Protection Organisation

I am writing to inform you of upcoming changes to Australia's import conditions for plant products and sea containers requiring treatment for khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*). In 2024, Australia received shipments from your country of plant products and sea containers subject to khapra beetle measures. As a result, the upcoming changes to our import requirements will affect your organisation and relevant industries.

Australia's current khapra beetle measures include:

1. [High-risk plant products](#) from a khapra beetle [target risk country](#) must be treated offshore using an [approved treatment option](#); and
2. full Container Load/Full Container Consolidated (FCL/FCX) sea containers packed in a [target risk country](#), must be treated using an [approved treatment option](#) if they are packed with high-risk plant products OR will be unpacked in a [rural khapra risk postcode](#) within Australia.

On **28 May 2025**, new requirements for khapra beetle treatments and phytosanitary certification will be introduced. There will be **three key changes**:

1. Revised additional declaration wording for gas-permeable packaging
2. New National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO) supervision requirements for treatments by certain providers
3. Removal of the fourth concentration sampling tube for container fumigations.

1. Revised additional declaration wording for gas-permeable packaging

From 28 May 2025, the **wording of the additional declaration** on the phytosanitary certificate to certify compliance with gas-permeability requirements will change to:

"The goods were fumigated in gas permeable packaging" or

"The goods were fumigated prior to being sealed in gas impermeable packaging"

This change will make Australia's gas-permeable packaging requirements clearer. Treatments must only be applied to goods that comply with the suitable packaging types, as detailed in the:

- [Infographic: Methyl bromide fumigation of high-risk plant products - packaging requirements](#)
- [Guide to packaging suitability for performing QPS treatments](#)



2. New NPPO supervision requirement for unacceptable treatment providers

From 28 May 2025, all methyl bromide and heat treatments for khapra beetle conducted by **unacceptable treatment providers**, that is those listed as ‘unacceptable’ or ‘under review’ on Australia’s [List of unregistered treatment providers](#), must be directly supervised by the exporting NPPO.

The phytosanitary certificate accompanying these consignments must contain a new additional declaration to attest to the supervision of treatment, as follows:

- For methyl bromide fumigations: ***“The monitoring of start and end point concentration readings were conducted under direct NPPO supervision, and the treatment was performed in accordance with Australia’s methyl bromide fumigation methodology as per the attached methyl bromide fumigation certificate [insert certificate number].”***
- For heat treatments: ***“The temperature sensors were placed under direct NPPO supervision, and the treatment was performed in accordance with Australia’s heat treatment methodology as per the attached heat treatment certificate [insert certificate number].”***

This requirement applies treatments of high-risk plant products and sea containers subject to khapra beetle measures. **Note:** This does not apply to ‘generic’ providers on the [List of unregistered treatment providers](#). These treatments can continue without NPPO supervision. All providers must continue to meet Australia’s treatment standards, including post-treatment inspection and certification.

3. Removal of fourth concentration sampling tube for container fumigations

From 28 May 2025, khapra beetle fumigation treatments of sea containers no longer require a fourth concentration sampling tube positioned underneath the container.

Following a review of the effectiveness of the fourth sampling tube it was found that that the small difference in concentration the inside the container compared with underneath the container remains within the threshold for equilibrium and minimum required concentration. Therefore, three sampling tubes are sufficient to ensure effective penetration of gas under the container floor. This change will align khapra beetle fumigations with standard fumigation practices and simplify treatments for providers.



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Impact on NPPO responsibilities

Your NPPO will play a critical role in ensuring compliance with these updated measures by:

- **Communicating these changes** to treatment providers in your country that perform khapra beetle treatments.
- **Supervising treatments** performed by **unacceptable providers** to confirm that they are compliant with Australia's treatment standards.
- **Verifying the status of the treatment provider** prior to issuing phytosanitary certification, to ensure that treatments by unacceptable providers have been supervised. To check a provider's status, refer to our [list of unregistered treatment providers](#).
- **Ensuring phytosanitary certificates issued on or after 28 May 2025** include the revised additional declarations, as provided in the *Factsheet: khapra beetle treatments for Australian imports – Upcoming changes to requirements*.

Further information

The department will be offering **online information sessions** to assist with understanding these requirements. Session dates and registration details will be provided via email in the coming weeks.

For more information on these changes, refer to the **Factsheet: khapra beetle pre-border treatments – Changes to phytosanitary certification requirements** or contact us via imports@aff.gov.au (include 'Plant T2 – Khapra phytosanitary updates' in the subject line).

We appreciate your cooperation in implementing these measures to safeguard Australia from the risks posed by khapra beetle.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Copeland'.

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