



# FedEx Regulatory Alerts & Updates

## Regulatory Alert: Australia – Khapra Beetle High Risk

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The Australian Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE) is implementing urgent actions to address the risk of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) on a range of plant products that are hosts of this pest. Any shipments containing high-risk plant products arriving in Australia will be destroyed. These urgent actions are being implemented in phases, please refer to the Departments website for further information regarding [Kharpa beetle](#).

The Khapra beetle, which is not present here, would have significant economic consequences if it entered Australia. It is the number two national priority plant pest and the number one plant priority pest for grains. The global spread is also increasing and being detected on a wide range of plant products and as a hitchhiker pest in shipping containers.

High-risk plant products at risk of khapra beetle and exclusions are outlined below:

### High Risk Plant Products:

- Rice (*Oryza sativa*)
- Chickpeas (*Cicer arietinum*)
- Cucurbit seed (*Cucurbita*, *Cucumis*, *Citrullus* spp.)
- Cumin seed (*Cuminum cyminum*)
- Safflower seed (*Carthamus tinctorius*)
- Bean seed (*Phaseolus* spp.)
- Soybean (*Glycine max*)
- Mung beans, cowpeas (*Vigna* spp.)
- Lentils (*Lens culinaris*)
- Wheat (*Triticum aestivum*)
- Coriander seed (*Coriandrum sativum*)
- Celery seed (*Apium graveolens*)
- Peanuts (*Arachis hypogaea*)
- Dried chillies/capsicum (*Capsicum* spp.)
- Faba bean (*Vicia faba*)
- Pigeon Pea (*Cajanus cajan*)
- Pea seed (*Pisum sativum*)
- Fennel seed (*Foeniculum* spp.).

***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 pasteurized goods
- Goods that are chemically processed and preserved such as with a Formalin Propionic Acid fixative, Formalin Acetic acid alcohol, Carnov'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

*Note: All ingredients contained in FedEx shipments must be labelled in English. Please [click here](#) for more information on [high-risk plant products](#).*

**Timeline for Implementation:** October 15, 2020

**References:**

Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (DAWE)

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/>

Urgent Actions to Protect Against Khapra Beetle (Trogoderma Granarium)

<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/pests-diseases-weeds/plant/khapra-beetle/urgent-actions#high-risk>