

## कृषि और प्रसंस्कृत खाद्य उत्पाद निर्यात विकास प्राधिकरण

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Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

(Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Govt. of India)

## **ADVISORY**

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Dear Sir,

This is with reference to SPS notification no. G/SPS/N/AUS/502/Add.1 dated 28 August 2020, issued by Australia. (copy of the notification is attached for reference). The products mentioned in the notification fall under HS Codes 0713, 0904, 0909, 1001, 1006, 1101, 1103, 1104, 1106, 1201, 1202, 1207 and 1209. This addendum concerns SPS notification (G/SPS/N/AUS/502) issued by Australia on 4 August 2020 informing trading partners of its intention to implement emergency measures to high-risk plant products that are hosts of khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium*) to safeguard Australia against the entry, establishment and spread of this pest. Australia has now commenced Phase 1 of the emergency measures. They notified that from 3 September 2020 the following high risk products will not be permitted entry from any country into Australia within unaccompanied personal effects (UPEs), or within low value air and sea freight (lodged through self-assessed clearance (SAC)):

- 1. Rice (Oryza sativa)
- 2. Chickpeas (Cicer arietinum)
- 3. Cucurbit seed (*Cucurbita* spp.; *Cucumis* spp.; *Citrullus* spp.)
- 4. Cumin seed (Cuminum cyminum)
- 5. Safflower seed (*Carthamus tinctorius*)
- 6. Bean seed (*Phaseolus* spp.)
- 7. Soybean (Glycine max)
- 8. Mung beans, cowpeas (Vigna spp.)
- 9. Lentils (*Lens culinaris*)
- 10. Wheat (Triticum aestivum)
- 11. Coriander seed (Coriandrum sativum)
- 12. Celery seed (Apium graveolens)
- 13. Peanuts (Arachis hypogaea)
- 14. Dried chillies/capsicum (Capsicum spp.)
- 15. Faba bean (Vicia faba)
- 16. Pigeon Pea (*Cajanus cajan*)
- 17. Pea seed (Pisum sativum)
- 18. Fennel seed (Foeniculum spp.)

Failure to comply with the emergency measures will result in export or destruction of the goods upon arrival in Australia. The following exclusions will apply under this measure:

goods imported as commercial trade samples\* and for research purposes,

goods that are thermally processed

 commercially manufactured and packaged such as retorted, blanched, roasted, fried, boiled, puffed, malted or pasteurised goods, fresh vegetables,

commercially manufactured frozen food and frozen plant products or oils derived

from vegetables or seed.

As per the notification, this is in accordance to International Plant Protection Convention.

All concerned exporters of rice/wheat exporting to Australia are advised to strictly comply with the requirements mentioned in the notification issued by Australian Quarantine Authority.

Further, Australia is seriously reviewing the issue of Khapra Beetle. Exporters are advised to take necessary measures in export of above mentioned products to Australia (free from Khapra Beetle) to avoid infestation of Khapra Beetle.

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