



7 TIPS FOR KEEPING CONTAINERS CLEAN

Help us keep hitchhiker pests out of Australia by keeping sea containers clean. Avoid border delays and unexpected costs by following these tips.



Inspect: Visually inspect containers for pests like khapra beetle and contaminants such as grain residue or soil. Pay attention to the bottom rails, forklift pockets, twist lock fittings, internal surfaces, container tops and the underside and cross members, if safe to do so.



Clean containers: Vacuum, sweep or pressure water wash containers before packing goods to remove contaminants and pests. Avoid scraping containers across the ground when moving.



Clean storage areas: Keep storage areas clean. Store containers away from pest habitats or resident pest populations. Store containers on paved/sealed storage and handling areas where possible. Use traps and other pest control methods to keep storage areas pest free.



Pack clean goods: Only pack containers with clean goods. Store goods in a clean, enclosed area prior to packing. Keep the container doors closed prior to and after packing goods. Use clean handling equipment when packing goods.



Keep away from lights: Don't keep containers under bright lights as they attract insects that can infest goods and the container.



Use higher grade containers: Use higher grade containers e.g. containers with no cracks in the floorboards, to reduce the risk of sheltering pests.



Avoid contaminated areas: Avoid driving through areas that can contaminate the container e.g. waste water, manure and other animal faeces.