INSECTICIDE SPRAY

Minimum requirements for treating sea containers with insecticide to address the risk of khapra beetle

This information applies to FCL/FCX containers where...

- high-risk plant products are packed into the sea container in a khapra beetle target risk country
- other goods are packed into the sea container in a khapra beetle target risk country and will be unpacked in a <u>rural khapra risk area</u> of Australia.

Prior to treatment...



The container must be cleaned to ensure it is free from debris and soil contamination.

The treatment must be...



Conducted prior to packing the goods in the container.



Applied

- using a suspension concentrate formulation of deltamethrin
- with a 1 litre spray solution, with a concentration of 0.03% (or above), per 20m²
- as a course spray of 350-400 microns, to the point of run off.



Applied to the:

- internal & external underside of the floor.
- internal & external lower portion of the three walls and doors, up to 1m.
- the door seals of the container.



Containers must be treated within 21 days prior to export from the target risk country.

Make sure...



You provide a treatment certificate, even if a phytosanitary certificate is provided.



The treatment certificate meets the requirements in <u>BICON</u> and the <u>Insecticide Treatment Methodology</u>.



You use the treatment certificate template.

Protecting the goods post treatment



To avoid potential contamination of the products with insecticide, importers should line the interior of the sea container and bag the products.



It is the importer's responsibility to ensure that imported:

- food complies with the *Imported Food Control Act*
- animal and pet food complies with the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code (MRL Standard) Instrument* 2019.

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For help with calculating the dose, use the <u>Insecticide Application Calculator</u>.

Treatment providers



We strongly encourage offshore treatment providers to register with the department.



For information on how to register, email us at: offshoretreatments@agriculture. gov.au