



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture,**  
**Water and the Environment**

# Imported food holding order—food posing a serious risk to human health

Sections 15(3) & (4) of the *Imported Food Control Act 1992* (the Act)

Holding order number:

THO21001

Date:

06/08/2021

## Section A: The basis for this Order

Section 15(3) of the Act

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I am satisfied that there are reasonable grounds for believing that food of a particular kind may pose a risk to human health, and that this risk is serious.

or

Section 15(4) of the Act

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The time period of the holding order made under Section 15 (3) may be extended, and an extension may be made more than once.

## Section B: Food that this Order covers

This Order covers food identified in the table below that is imported into Australia after the making of this Order.

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| Country of origin   | Jordan  |
| Product description | Medjool dates                                       |
| Producer name       | WHITE SAND PALM DATES FARM AND AGRICULTURE PRODUCTS |

Until this Order is revoked, food that this Order covers, that is imported into Australia after the making of this Order, must be held in a place to be approved by an authorised officer in writing:

- (a) for a period of 28 days commencing the day this Order is made; or
- (b) if this order has been extended, until the end of the extended period; or
- (c) until the time when this Order is revoked.

## Section C: The circumstances under which this Order will be revoked

This Order remains in force until the Secretary (or delegate) revokes it. This Order will immediately be revoked under these circumstances:

The Secretary is satisfied that the basis for the order, being the risk of hepatitis A contamination in imports of Medjool dates from White Sand Palm Dates Farm and Agriculture Products in Jordan, has been mitigated such that there is no longer a serious risk to human health.

| Delegate position number | Date       |
|--------------------------|------------|
| 100968                   | 06/08/2021 |

Delegate of the Secretary appointed under Section 41 of the Act for the purposes of Section 15 of the Act.