

WTO/SPS notification on final regulation adopted by APHIS-USA on Khapra beetle (new regulated countries & regulated articles)

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has established restrictions on the importation of commercial and noncommercial shipments of rice, vegetables, coffee, cotton, fruits, nursery stock, logs etc from countries where Khapra beetle (*Trogoder magranarium*) is known to occur. Final rule is effective from 21st July 2015.

Sri Lanka is also identified as a Khapra beetle infested country. APHIS has mentioned that the commercial shipments of rice and other products should be inspected and must accompany a Phytosanitary certificate or Phytosanitary certificate of Re-export with an additional declaration stating that "the shipment was inspected and found free of Khapra beetle. (*Trogoder magranarium* everts)"

Please see the Notification & links below for further details

- [WTO Notification G/SPS/N/USA/2243/Add.2](#)
- [Federal Register | Khapra Beetle; New Regulated Countries and Regulated Articles](#)
- [New Regulated Countries and Regulated Articles: Khapra Beetle](#)