

U.S. AGRICULTURE ALERT

For vessel crews with a U.S. itinerary:

Vessels found with live Khapra beetle require treatment and may be denied movement into U.S. ports.

Rice and other dry store products (such as melon seeds) can harbor the storage pest known as Khapra beetle (*Trogoderma granarium* Everts), a voracious feeder and one of the 100 worst agriculture pests in the world. Carefully inspect dry stores from the countries below to make sure Khapra beetle is not present.



Countries where Khapra beetle is known to occur: Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Cyprus, Egypt, India, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey, and United Arab Emirates.

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Photos: *top right* various life stages of Khapra beetle *left* a CBP agriculture specialist inspecting vessel stores



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