# Khapra beetle

* Khapra beetle is a serious pest of stored grain and dried food products.
* If it was to establish in Australia, it would have significant impact on our grains, rice, and nut industries.
* It would also have a significant impact on our international trade.
* Khapra beetle directly feeds on grain, which can result in major stored grain losses.
* Infested grain can become contaminated with beetles and cast skins and hairs from larvae which can also be a health risk.
* Khapra beetle is a pest that hitchhikes in shipping containers and it can survive in containers and packaging for a number of years.
* Because of its size, it can remain undetected under floors and in cracks and crevices in shipping containers and in layers of cardboard.
* We have strengthened the measures we have in place to manage the evolving risk that khapra beetle poses for Australia.
* This includes more stringent measures to manage the risk of khapra beetle in imported containers and goods.
* Industry, importers and the public can also do their part, by following our import conditions and reporting any potential pest risks.

(TEXT AT THE END: Australian Government, Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment)