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US Restrictions on certain products imported from countries where Khapra Beetle is known to occur – Important Notice for UK Exporters and Bermuda Importers, July 2018

US Customs have begun to enforce the restrictions on certain products imported from countries where Khapra Beetle is known to occur. To clarify the restrictions, here is the official explanation issued by the Plant Protection and Quarantine department of APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service):

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) has established restrictions on the importation of commercial and non-commercial shipments of rice, soybeans, Cicer species (e.g., chickpeas, lentils etc), and safflower seeds from countries where Khapra beetle (Trogoderma Granarium) is known to occur. These restrictions apply to all countries where Khapra beetle is known to occur, including 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 the United Arab Emirates.

What this means for you?

In the short term, we must not accept any Khapra Beetle products or raw Rice from any country for shipment by sea. The team at Bermuda Forwarders (UK) will work with both you and your UK suppliers to ensure that your ocean freight orders do not contain any restricted products.

If you would like to continue to purchase these products from outside the US, then they must travel on our airfreight service. We are currently working with US Customs to implement a system which will allow us to ship these products by sea in the future.

'Unrestricted' related products:

Ready rice (e.g. rice pudding, Rice Krispies etc.) and microwaveable rice are free to move through the US. Paperwork must clearly show 'ready rice' or 'microwaveable' and product labels must be available electronically for the CBP to inspect.

If you plan to purchase 'unrestricted' related products, the Bermuda Forwarders (UK) team will assist your UK supplier with their paperwork to ensure a smooth transit through the US.

Meanwhile, the Bermuda Forwarders (UK) team will continue to work diligently and closely with the US, UK and International authorities to find a solution for you.

Should you have any questions on any of the above please do not hesitate to contact the Bermuda Forwarders (UK) Export team on export@bermudaforwarders.co.uk