

# USDA orders Kaphra beetle fumigation

NEW YORK, N.Y. — U.S. Department of Agriculture officials have ordered the mandatory fumigation of certain imported commodities which can harbor khapra beetle — the world's most destructive pest of stored grains and cereal products.

Fumigation is now required as a condition of entry into the United States for:

- brassware and wooden screens from Bombay, India;
- whole chilis and whole red peppers in jute or burlap bags from Pakistan;
- goatskins, lambskins or sheepskins, excluding those which have been tanned, blue-chromed, pickled in mineral acid or salted, from the Sudan or India; and
- used burlap and jute bagging not containing cargo from Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Burma, Cyprus, Egypt, India, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Nigeria, Pakistan, Senegal, Sri Lanka, the Sudan, Tunisia, Turkey and Upper Volta.

"This emergency measure is necessary to prevent the further introduction of khapra beetles into the United States," said H. L. Ford, deputy administrator of USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service. "It appears that recent khapra beetle infestations resulted from the importation of certain articles from countries where the pest occurs."

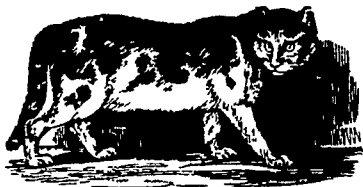
A total of 19 khapra beetle infestations nationwide have been

treated or are scheduled for treatment at non-agricultural businesses where they were detected by USDA inspectors. The latest infestation, which has been fumigated, was discovered at two U.S. Army warehouses in Bayonne, N.J. where the military formerly processed furniture shipped from the Far East.

"This rule will not cause major increases in costs or prices to consumers or industry or to federal, state or local governments," Ford said. "All arrangements for khapra beetle treatments must be made by the importer, and all costs related to treatments are the responsibility of the importer."

A public hearing on the regulations will be held Wednesday, September 2 at 10 a.m., in Room 643-A (APHIS Conference Room), Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Road, Hyattsville, Md.

Written comments may be sent, until September 25, to: Regulatory Support Staff, USDA-APHIS-PPQ, Room 635, Federal Building, 6505 Belcrest Rd., Hyattsville, Md. 20782. Comments received will be available for public examination in Hyattsville, Md., during regular business hours.



Two Prosperity sisters, Crystal, left, and Charolais heifer and bull. Carla Clutter, right, display their Champion

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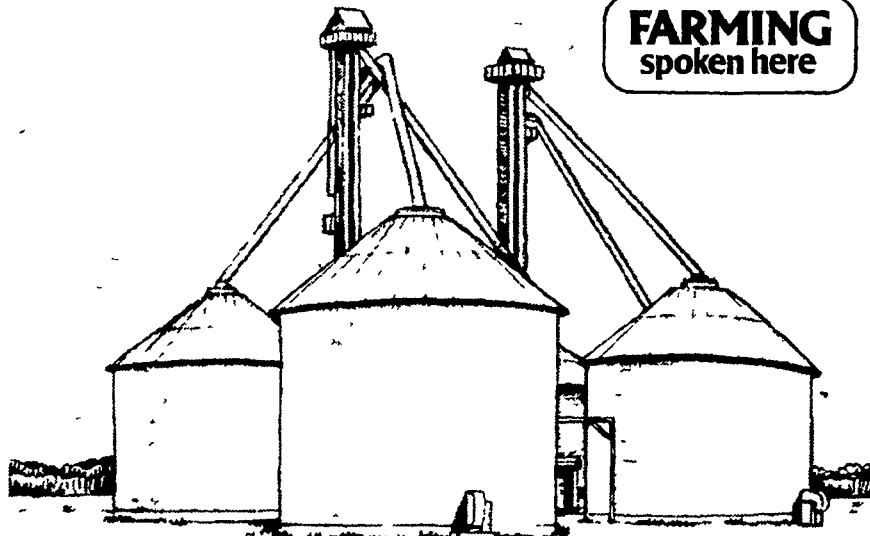
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