

EUROPEAN HOUSE BORER
Proposed New Interstate Regulations – Industry Consultation
Your Feedback Requested by 30th September 2011

European House Borer (EHB) is a destructive pest of untreated (dry) pinewood that, if established, can cause major structural damage to buildings. EHB was discovered in Western Australia in 2004, mainly in the greater Perth metropolitan area. The current eradication/containment program which has been in place in Western Australia is changing to a management program. This will result in the current Restricted Movement Zones being removed and the whole of Western Australia being considered affected by European House Borer.

EHB has the potential to spread to other Australian States and Territories through human assisted movement of untreated pinewood. To minimise spread, each State and Territory will introduce legislation that places restrictions on the movement of untreated pinewood from Western Australia. Pinewood includes new and used structural timber, timber materials, pine furniture, pallets, packaging, dunnage and firewood.

The **new conditions of entry** will replace any current conditions relating to the entry of host material of European House Borer into South Australia, New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania, Northern Territory, Queensland, and Australian Capital Territory. EHB host material includes seasoned untreated coniferous timbers from the genera *Pinus*, *Abies*, *Picea* *Araucaria* and *Pseudotsuga* (pine, hoop pine, fir and spruce) It includes untreated pinewood structural timber and untreated pinewood products such as furniture, ornaments, pallets, dunnage and timber packaging material.

If you or your company is involved with the interstate movement of host material of European House Borer (pinewood and pinewood materials) from Western Australia into another part of Australia, there will be legislative changes and restrictions in your State or Territory that may impact on your business.

YOUR FEEDBACK IS SOUGHT.

Your feed back should focus on how the proposed European House Borer conditions of entry regulations will impact on your business and those businesses and people you deal with

These proposed regulations will require the treatment of EHB host material to minimise the spread of EHB.

Regulations will form part of a national EHB program which will encompass all EHB biosecurity operations. The purpose is to reduce the threat posed by EHB.

A detailed copy of the proposed draft regulations is attached for your comment along with a copy of Exotic Pest Alert – European House Borer (Revised 2011). Additional

information relating to IPSM 15 can be found by going to the IPPC webpage www.ippc.int and then moving to IPPC Home>Core Activities>Standards setting>Adopted Standards (ISPMs)

Industry cooperation is important to Australia's role in protecting agriculture, timber and forestry industries from exotic pests and diseases. We are therefore eager to receive your feedback, which can be provided on the attached form, by 30th September 2011.

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Yours sincerely

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