



### **Anobium punctatum (common furniture beetle)**

The above wood-boring beetle is probably one of the most commonly found in the Western Cape coastal regions and is difficult to identify if you do not know what to look for. It generally attacks wooden floors and can be imported by untreated furniture of which there is a prevalence in South Africa.

Anobium punctatum (common furniture beetle or wood worm as it is known in Europe) is usually omitted from deeds of sale contracts when a property changes hands. This is an inherited tendency which has remained popular with many Estate agents. As a result of the exclusion this beetle has become more and more prevalent over the years. Our advice is to check your beetle clause, whether you are a seller (in which case you should insist on a clause which covers "all wood destroying insects" to ensure transparency and to omit exclusions) or if you are a buyer (in which case it is in your interests to ensure that the certificate you receive covers all the wood boring beetles). Nobody wants to end up in a nasty skirmish about which beetles are covered and which are not? If the sale has proceeded this can lead to costly and stressful reparations.

#### ***DOSS customer feedback:***

*On 1 August 2017 at 11:11, Libby Howse wrote:  
Hi Belinda,*

*I've verbally said it to Nick but I wanted to say it to you as well - A big thank you to you and your team for your assistance.*

*It is wonderful to deal with service providers such as yourselves.*

*I have posted something on Facebook with a link to your website but I can't find your Facebook page to post it directly.*

*"Once again the customer services of DOSS goes above and beyond! Not only did they respond to my email timeously but they attended to our problem within a few days only to discover we didn't have a wood beetle problem! Best of all they didn't charge us for the call out. Thank you Nick, and the DOSS team. We will continue to recommend you and look forward to using you again in the future"*

*Kind Regards,*

*Libby Howse*