

# **COMMAND PEST CONTROL**

Pest information sheet 64 - Waste grain beetle



## Appearance:

Reddish or black with reddish-yellow and black markings on the wing-cases (body 2-3 mm long).

# Breeding:

The size of larva is up to 1.5 cm. This beetle has the advantage in its quick development. At a temperature of 25 degrees, this stage of reproduction lasts only 6-7 weeks

#### Food:

They can be found in a wide variety of stored food products, but mainly lives in old or damp flour, mouldy grain and chaff.

#### Where do Waste grain beetles live?

Common in mouldy or damp grain and cereals. In some regions it is quite common in stables and cow-sheds. Also found outside in old, rotting deciduous trees and under mouldy, decaying vegetation. It can fly also.

## Damage:

Mainly as an unacceptable foreign body in grain and flour products but not a commercial pest as such.