

CITRUS MARKETING FORUM



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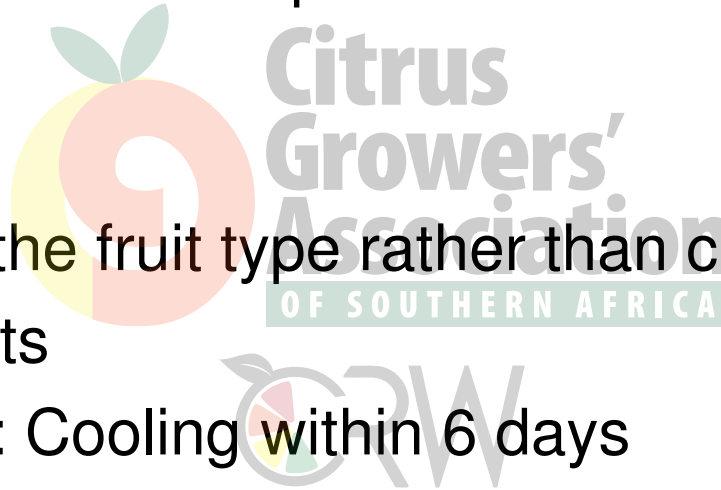
EU CBS UPDATE AND STRENGTHENING OF CBS RMS

☐ EFSA REPORT

- Meeting between DGSANCO and South Africa
- Status for the 2014 EU export season

☐ CBS UPDATE

- Registration of the fruit type rather than cultivars
- Blacklisting: 3 hits
- Cooling period: Cooling within 6 days
- 18 days re-inspection
- No export to the EU after 28 days
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UNDER DISCUSSION WITH THE EU

The NPPOZA had a CBS RMS teleconference with DGSANCO on the 12 March 2014

- The EU is concerned with SA's CBS RMS that couldn't reduce the level of non-compliance in 2013
- There's a call for more strict protocol for the citrus fruit destined to the EU
- The NPPOZA is putting more information and clarifying points misunderstood by the EU
- DGSANCO intends to put together a protocol for export of SA citrus fruit to the EU
- Protocol will be presented to the Standing Committee on Plant Health during the meeting on 25& 26 March 2014
- The SA CBS RMS working group is meeting on the 24 March 2014
- Amended CBS RMS for 2014 will be send out afterwards



JAPAN

- ❑ Japanese Plant Quarantine to arrive in RSA first week of April 2014 to audit systems and hence give approval to export for the 2014 season.
- ❑ The DAFF to be informed of the shipping schedules to Japan - for break bulk and container shipments in order to plan resources.
- ❑ Phytosanitary certificates for break bulk shipments shall be placed on board the vessel and for container shipments shall be couriered by the DAFF at the expense of agents.
- ❑ **CHALLENGES:**
 - ✓ Exports through Durban port only – PE and Cape Town were also approved. Pressure on one port to certify due to volume of fruit converging at Durban for other markets also.
 - ✓ High container volumes together with break bulk vessels – infrastructure challenges pre and post border. Pressure on the regulators to certify
 - ✓ Pressure on the DAFF to re-issue phytosanitary certificates at last minute without providing proper justification.
 - ✓ Containers going out of protocol during the in transit – compromising the certification (DAFF together with the PPECB will meet with all shipping lines to establish the reasons)



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KOREA

- ❑ Exports shall take place through the Durban port only.
- ❑ The previous season started earlier due to the exports of grapefruit also – double the volume was exported.
- ❑ The CGA to inform the DAFF of ETD of first exports to Korea to arrange for Korean official to the RSA.
- ❑ Exports to Korea shall only commence when the PUC registration shows true on the database – after approval by the Korean official in South Africa.
- ❑ The correct exporter details to be included on the sample accompanying document.
- ❑ Latest response from Korea - South Africa to apply appropriate measures to prevent re-infection of passed fruit at pack house and at the port facility, the following is applicable:
 - ✓ Pallets must therefore be covered in plastic or mesh(1.6mm x 1.6mm).
 - ✓ The truck transporting the pallets must be completely covered to prevent re-infestation in transit to the port.
 - ✓ The above procedure shall be negotiated with the Korean official.



CHINA

- ❑ The China PUC database for the 2014 season was approved on 24th February and hence the market is open to export to china.
- ❑ An inland facility in the Marble Hall area is currently being approved for the handling of citrus to China – this will assist in preventing some congestion at the port.
- ❑ Exporters to present the DAFF with import permits for use of ports not stated in protocol

- ❑ **CHALLENGES:**
 - ✓ High rejection rate for FCM – over 120 000 cartons rejected.
 - ✓ Over 95 000 cartons rejected for markings - pack house to ensure compliance.
 - ✓ The issue of replacement phytosanitary certificates – creates confusion with Chinese authorities and compromises SA's certification system.
 - ✓ High volumes versus infrastructure requirements **±100 containers failed to commence the in transit cold treatment** - the PPECB and the DAFF to investigate with the shipping lines
 - ✓ Pressure on the DAFF and the PPECB personnel capacity to certify documents due to many containers per vessel and short shipping cycles



THAILAND

- ❑ Thailand is a new market with great potential – only second season and 50 containers were exported.
- ❑ Although there's a protocol in place an import permit is required to accompany inspection request.
- ❑ All pallets to have stickers large enough indicating **“EXPORT TO THAILAND”**.
- ❑ The DAFF must be present for container calibration and container loading. A written request must be faxed to the local DAFF office.

- ❑ **CHALLENGES:**
 - ✓ High FCM rejections
 - ✓ **No requests sent to the DAFF local office for container loading**
 - ✓ No permits presented during inspection
 - ✓ Sticker on each side of pallet - **“EXPORT TO THAILAND”** not consistent and too small
 - ✓ **2 containers rejected in Thailand for Fullers rose weevil**



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USA

- USA Bilateral meeting – 18 & 20 March 2014

- Update: 22 days/ and or 24 days
 - Negotiating for a pilot project for 2014 season with USDA:
 - SA to proof management of low FCM rejection rate pre-export (at least 1.5%) in 2014
 - Once consciences reached on terms citrus fruit to USA may be shipped @ 22days for 2014
 - Success (1.5% FCM rejection rate + no interception in USA) will guarantee SA a 22 days cold treatment as from 2015
 - Commitment by all role players will be critical



TAIWAN

All citrus types allowed.

Critical quarantine pests

✓ Medfly, Natal fruit fly, Western flower thrips

Additional marking requirements (on each carton)

✓ Sticker stating “**To Taiwan Republic of China**”

A risk assessment was conducted by the DAFF for citrus to Taiwan and it was concluded that the DAFF shall no longer conduct inspections for Taiwan at the port facility. The phytosanitary certificate shall be issued on the strength of the PPECB quality assurance certificate. The pack house to ensure that all cartons are marked accordingly.



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REUNION

- ❑ Option 1. Inland steri (cold steri) – DAFF obligation to declare and oversee: The consignment complies with Annex IV, point no 11, option(b)

b) the fruits have been subjected to an adequate treatment with heat (steam), cold or rapid cooling, which has been effective against the organisms referred without damaging the fruits, or, failing that, to a chemical treatment including fumigation, accepted by the reglementation of the Community

Land based/ cold store - treatment

- ❑ Option 2. Treatment cannot be certified because it is implemented after certification. The consignment complies with article 2, option (c)

c) the fruits have been inspected at appropriate times prior to export and found free of target organisms,
and are to undergo a recognized treatment during transport to destination.

DAFF inspection – temperature will not be reflected on a phyto

Exporter responsibility



PERMIT AND OTHER MARKETS EXEMPTED FROM DAFF INSPECTIONS

- Bangladesh – only valid permit required.
 - Mauritius - valid permit required and fruit to come from Bi free area.
 - Vietnam - valid permit required.
 - Jordan – valid permit required , some permits require in transit cold treatment.
 - Sri Lanka – valid permit and in transit cold treatment required.
 - Indonesia – MRL certificates and cold treatment certificates to accompany phytosanitary certificates.
 - Taiwan
- The phytosanitary certificates for the above markets shall be issued on the strength of the PPECB quality assurance certificate.
- The DAFF must be first consulted before exports can take place should permit conditions change



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PEST STATUS: Bi

Bactrocera invadens

☐ Areas under quarantine:

• Mpumalanga Province

- ✓ Nelspruit
- ✓ Komatipoort
- ✓ Malelane
- ✓ Hazy view
- ✓ Burgersfort
- ✓ Hoedspruit

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NB: All these areas are under eradication

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PEST STATUS: Bi cont...

Limpopo Province

- ✓ Vhembe District (Various Areas)
- ✓ Mopani District (Various Areas)
- ✓ Sekhukhune District (Marble Hall and Groblersdal)
- ✓ Capricorn District (ZB)
- The removal permit requested can be directed to Mavis Matsho no 012 309 8763 or Mogaleitloa Marishane no 012 309 8795.
- ALL CONSIGNMENTS COMING FROM A BI QUARANTINE AREA MUST BE ACCOMPANIED WITH A REMOVAL PERMIT TO THE PORT.**



PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTION POINTS

- ALL INSPECTION POINTS TO REGISTER ANNUALLY WITH THE DAFF FOR APPROVAL AND MUST MEET THE INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS**
- CRITERIA FOR PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTION POINTS AT COLD STORES:**
 - ✓ Request needs to be justified and motivated
 - ✓ Must have trained personnel that understands the phytosanitary procedures
 - ✓ Must be able to meet the infrastructure compliance - environmental factors+ capacity
 - ✓ To liaise with the DAFF in terms of personnel availability
 - ✓ Must comply to food safety standards (HACC)
 - ✓ Must be volume driven and render a service to all exporters wishing to use that facility.
- The DAFF is currently evaluating inspection points/cold stores for approval**
- Please confirm with the DAFF office in the area where fruit is to be inspected to establish if the inspection point is approved to pack for that particular market**



PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTION POINTS cont....

□ Maputo, Mozambique:

- ✓ For EU fruit – DAFF services is available on request.
- ✓ CGA needs to be involved with co-ordination.
- ✓ KZN management shall be responsible for the certification.



WAY FORWARD FOR 2014

- To use the correct applications when requesting for inspections and to clearly state party responsible for payment
- Consignments must be ready for inspection + availability of labour at inspection points.
- Effective communication between inspection point, exporter and agent.
- All documentation to be available at the inspection point
- All exporters and agents to be registered with the DAFF and undergo training.
- Forwarding agents must submit phytosanitary certificates within 5 days after the vessel has sailed with all the correct supporting documents. Any information missing, the phytosanitary certificate shall not be issued



Cont'ed ... Way Forward

- ❑ Forwarding agents to make reference to the “**Guidelines for completion of phytosanitary certificates**” when preparing phytosanitary certificates to ensure correctness.
- ❑ Forwarding agents to ensure they have sufficient personnel to avoid late submissions, no phytosanitary certificates shall be accepted after 5 days.
- ❑ Forwarding agents to have a quality control system to ensure phyto's to be submitted are correct and have all supporting documents attached as well as check the phyto's to see if there is a stamp, date and signature of the DAFF official after being signed off.



NEW TARIFFS INTRODUCED FROM 2014

□ The following additional tariffs are applicable from this season:

- ✓ Orchard inspections for citrus intended for export to the EU CBS sensitive markets.
- ✓ Inspection of EU consignments at the port facilities that falls outside the 6 and 18 days protocol.
- ✓ Container calibration and container loading for citrus intended for export to Japan, USA and etc. – for special markets where the DAFF is needed to be present.



