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News from the FPEF – 08 June 2022

Dear FPEF Members,

Herewith, another edition of our newsletter, bringing you a summary of some important matters communicated with you during the past two weeks; including reminders of future events. It also contains relevant information which has not been shared with you as yet.

Logistics, market access, and market development/awareness, generic promotions were the main matters which have been communicated.

New markets

The status of gaining access to new markets is still the same as in the previous period = no movement by the targeted importing destinations.

MEMBERSHIP



A very big THANK YOU to those exporter members who have already submitted their signed **PPECB consent form**. If you have not done so yet please remember to send the forms to claudia@fpef.co.za by Friday, 10 June. Your co-operation with the above is appreciated.

MARKETING AND PROMOTIONS

Trade shows

The following fresh produce trade shows will have South African stands in the remainder of 2022:

- **Fruit Attraction Madrid: 4 – 6 October**
- **Agrilink Philippines: 6 – 8 October**
- **Asia Fruit Logistica (National Pavilion): 2 – 4 November**

If you have any questions regarding any of these events, please contact Marletta Kellerman (marletta@fpef.co.za).

FPEF Export Directory 2022

If you have not received your hard copy yet, please send an email to marletta@fpef.co.za to follow up with the courier service.

**Port of Cape Town**

Shore crane (LC2) is under repairs for the second time in two weeks, this time a representative from Liebherr is attending to it and is expected to return to service on the 12th of June. LC1 will be used for training as the berth cannot accommodate a vessel with the broken crane. The tender for the 9th crane has not yet been awarded and likely delivery will be end of July, commissioning in August. Navis was down for 3 hours on Monday from 1400 to 1700 and there is currently no vessel at anchor.

Over the last two weeks port users were informed that permits must be in order and on Monday TNPA clamped down on trucks, the backlog has been cleared for the time being. TNPA did confirm that the permit office will operate a 5-day work week starting from next week.

Taiwan:

An update since our last communication in terms of pome fruit exports to Taiwan. Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development (DALRRD) provided an inspection report for systematic control of codling moth to BAPHIQ Bureau of Animal and Plant Health Inspection and Quarantine). BAPHIQ responded and requested a contact list of producers and packing facilities. DALRRD communicated a comprehensive list of contact details from South African supply chain stakeholders. Last week, BAPHIQ requested more information: certificates of plant protection specialists at the pack houses and spray records for mites, scales and aphids. DALRRD is compiling this information from industry, pending industry response. We are keeping track on the timeline for supplying this information to BAPHIQ. We are aware that BAPHIQ has not before requested this quantity of information. We are monitoring and influencing the situation wherever we can and will keep continuing updating all members on the progress.

SAAFF and FPEF partnership

The FPEF and SAAFF has signed a memorandum of cooperation to collaborate on issues affecting the logistics industry. The objective of this Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) is to establish a framework for cooperation, as well as the scope, a potential project plan, and monthly engagements between the parties, as well as a communication channel, in order to effectively cooperate in matters of common interest, in particular the field of activities identified in this MoC, on the basis of the principles of common interest, reciprocity, and complementarity. We welcome SAAFF as a FPEF affiliated partner association. We are looking forward to continuous engagement on pressing issues affecting the fresh produce industry.

India***Citrus: Additional trial Shipments from South Africa to India***

The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer Welfare, government of India, announced that South Africa may send two more trial shipments of Citrus reticulata (Mandarins) to India, for exploring the successful application of in-transit cold treatment to India. As part of the trial, two FPEF members will be responsible for exporting two mandarin containers under the supervision of the NPPOZA and the Indian government, using in-transit cold treatment as mitigation option. Members will be updated on the outcome of the trial shipments.

Indian government notifying pome fruit in-transit cold treatment via the WTO.

As you are aware, previous trial shipments of pome fruit has been shown to successfully conduct in-transit cold treatment and the Indian government finally notified via the WTO about in-transit cold treatment for pome fruit originating from South Africa. The WTO notification is open for a 60-day public comment period (approximately until 29 July), then the Indian Government must gazette the approval of in-transit cold treatment of pome fruit originating from South Africa, only if no comments were received. At this stage it is uncertain on when the Indian government will action this, after the public comment period.

Diversion of fruit:

In brief, citrus that may be re-exported to EU, needs to comply to the pack house delivery inspection, as well as be packed and passed as EU fruit in the packhouse, in order to be verified and compliant for the EU, following the applicable EU measures. DALRRD and PPECB regulate the process in great depth. This matter was highlighted by DALRRD, in line with the changes to the newly applicable EU procedures. The suspension, of diverting citrus initially intended for none-EU markets to the European Union (EU) continues to be strictly enforced. The CRI and FPEF made a submission to Directorate: Inspection Services with the necessary justification and assurance of compliance to all EU measures, should diverting still be required. There was also engagement with the e-cert team to align systems. This strengthens industry's continued compliance to EU measures and serve as an example of stakeholders in the South African fruit industry collaborating to ensure sustainable exports.

***Best regards,
Anton Kruger***