



“Keeping it Fresh”

News from the FPEF – 20 March 2019

Dear FPEF members,

Welcome to this edition of *Keeping it Fresh* where we share some of the recent relevant news and developments in a summarized format with you.

MARKET ACCESS APPLICATION'S STATUS:

Japan

Application for avocado's: The Japanese authorities, MAFF (Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries) have confirmed on 15 March receipt of information sent by DAFF.

China

Application for pears: The verification team who visited South Africa during the period 10 to 14 March must still report on their findings.

Vietnam

Table grapes: A verification visit took place and feedback is being awaited from Vietnam PPD (Plant Protection Department).

Oranges: will only be handled after concluding the table grape protocol.

Philippines

South Africa (DAFF) is still waiting for the Philippine authorities to respond on the latest information provided to them with regards to the citrus application.

Thailand

Access for apples: DAFF has completed the PRA's (Pest Risk Assessments) for mangosteens and longans which Thailand wants to export to South Africa. The matter is being followed up between FruitSA and DAFF.

South Korea

Access for table grapes: The South Korean authorities accepted the invitation to visit SA, but a date must still be finalised.

USA

Broader access for citrus. We are still awaiting feedback/a decision.

Access for avocado's: South Africa has provided the information requested and feedback is being awaited.

TRADE SHOWS

REMINDER: Invitation to partake in a National Pavilion at China International Import Expo in China: 5-10 November 2019

Kindly note that the deadline for submission of the complete EMIA National Pavilion application forms is **22 March 2019**. For any enquiries pertaining the application please contact Mr Mayanda Gawula, mgawula@thedti.gov.za, 012 934 1616 or Ms Meresina Ranphabana, mrانphabana@thedti.gov.za, 012 394 5918. Please also see email from Marletta sent on the 19th of February 2019.

REMINDER: Invitation to partake in a National Pavilion at Asia Fruit Logistica 2019

The deadline date for the submission of complete EMIA National Pavilion application forms is **04 April 2019**. Emailed applications are not accepted. For any enquiries pertaining the applications please contact Ms Dimaktso Magolego, drmagolego@thedti.gov.za, 012 394 5476 or Ms Meresina Ranphabana, mrانphabana@thedti.gov.za, 012 394 5918.

REMINDER: Invitation to partake in a National Pavilion at World Food MOSCOW 2019

The deadline date for the submission of complete National Pavilion application forms is **17 April 2019**. Kindly ensure that you complete the appropriate application form and submit by courier to the *dti* and mark it for attention to Virginia Mbuyisa who may be contacted on VMbuyisa@thedti.gov.za/ 012 394-5988.

Fresh Produce India: 24-26 April 2019

Fruit South Africa is a sponsor for this event and a delegation of Anton Kruger and the CEO's of the grower associations will attend this conference/expo. If you are interested to attend this event you can register at <https://www.freshproduceindia.com>. Please note the 'early bird' fee is only available till TODAY (20 March).

Foodex Japan March: 2019

The FPEF participated in this event by way of a National Pavilion, funded by the *dti*. Enquiries we received for fruit (trade leads) were sent to all members on the 16th of March. Please contact Marletta if you would like a copy of this email.

Export Directory 2019 and Annual Report 2018

Copies of the 2019 edition of our Fresh Produce Export Directory and a copy of the annual report of 2018 will be mailed to you next week. It is already available on our website: www.fpef.co.za

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR APPLES & PEARS IN 2019 THUS FAR

- Pears: Industry dispensation for Forelle (Vermont Beauty), Flamingo (Sempre); Rosemary (Sempre)
- Apples: Fuji (Green and Red), Royal Gala marked as Tenroy (industry dispensation for all markets)
- Dispensation has been obtained from PPECB for the maximum loadout temperature for winter pears of +2.0°C to be applied. (Presently set point plus 2.0°C which in practice normally equates to a maximum of +1.5°C) as a result of loadshedding.
- Dispensation to export 50mm (instead of 55mm) apples and pears to all markets provided the brix level is greater than or equal to 11.

REGISTERED DATABASES THUS FART FOR 2019

- Final List of Apple PHCs to China during 2018-19 Season
- Final List of Apple PUCs to China during 2018-19 Season
- List for export of Apples to USA during 2018-19 Season
- List for export of Pears to USA during 2018-19 Season
- Final PHC List- Table Grapes to China 2018-19 season
- Approved Database for Table Grapes to Israel- 2018-19 season.xls
- Organic Table Grapes to USA during 2018/2019 export season.
- Database of registered Litchi for export to USA during 2018 and 2019 season
- Final database of PUCs for persimmon to be irradiated in the USA-2019
- Final database of Production unit for export of Persimmon fruit to Israel during 2019 season
- List for export of apples to Taiwan – as soon as verification visit is completed, scheduled for next week.
- List for citrus exports – Still being finalised and will be available from the beginning of April.
- Exports allowed based on last year's database if the list is not yet available for the 2019 season.

PHYTO'S FOR RUSSIA

Enquiries regarding alleged amendments to import requirements for exporting fruit to the Russia Federation, with specific reference to additional declarations applicable to phytosanitary certificates, refers:

With the assistance of Minister-Counsellor (Economic & Industry) Mr M Leshaba in Moscow, the NPPOZA manage to receive feedback on this matter. Minister- Counsellor Leshaba scheduled a meeting with the Russian authorities and the successful outcome of the meeting confirmed that South Africa complies with the additional declarations and import requirements of Russia. An extract from Mr Leshaba's response and the meeting read as follows:

"...Following comments received from the Fruit Exporter Council of South Africa (FPEF) as well as the Agriculture section of the Russian-South African Business Council regarding the enquiry for additional declarations on phytosanitary certificates of export fruit from South Africa, the Russian side indicated that it was vital that all exports of designated products as indicated in the new regulation comply with the additional declaration indicating that the products were grown and harvested from area that does not have specified pests. While they have not had any incident relating to the specified pests it remains important that the phytosanitary certificates have the additional declaration. During the meeting, it was agreed that it was vital that the plant health authorities from South Africa and Russia should engage directly with each other to clarify the modalities of compliance with the regulation. The Embassy can facilitate the meeting of direct contact with the designated contact person from the Russian Side for such engagement..."

Best regards

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