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“Keeping it Fresh”

News from the FPEF – 17 April 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.

FRESH PRODUCE: INDIA

A FruitSA delegation will participate next week in the **Fresh Produce: India** trade show in Mumbai (India). FruitSA is again a Gold Sponsor – which will add to a high visibility of our industry. The opportunity will also be used to engage with Indian government officials on market access issues.

VEGETABLE INDUSTRY VALUE CHAIN ROUND TABLE (VIVCRT)

Seeing that we are the Fresh Produce Exporters' Forum, we are part of the recently established **Vegetable Industry Value Chain Round Table (VIVCRT)**. The strategic intent of the VIVCRT is to be a united voice for the common interest of the South African vegetable industry, in order to promote and grow this subsector to the benefit of all stakeholders. Initially, two working groups are established, namely a Local and International Trade Working Group and a Transformation Working Group. FPEF is primarily involved in the Local and International Trade Working Group, as well as in the bigger VIVCRT - which meets this week.

FPEF GRADUATE INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME - MID-YEAR 2019 APPOINTMENTS

The recruitment process for FPEF's graduate internship programme mid-year appointments is well underway. If you would like to find out more about the internship programme or are interested in appointing a black graduate as an intern in a commercial, logistics or technical position please contact Johannes Brand. johannes@fpéf.co.za

GRAPEFRUIT VARIETY FOCUS GROUP MEMO

We will be distributing the CGA Grapefruit Variety Focus Group's "Grapefruit Industry Memo" to all our members as it becomes available.

CHINA FRUIT LOGISTICA

China Fruit Logistica is postponed until 2020. The organisational team behind China Fruit Logistica has announced it would be postponing to 2020. The event needs more time to position itself as the leading commercially-organised trade fair for China's fast-growing fresh fruit and vegetable market. As the organiser of China Fruit Logistica, the aim is to help growers, distributors, and food retailers in China to grow as quickly as possible.

INDONESIA:

Cold treatment protocol amendments were made by PPECB for exports to Indonesia. This allows for exporters to reduce the risk of chilling injury on fruit (particular to citrus) while complying to the existing Indonesian import requirements. These amendments will generally improve fruit quality and assist exporters in the export process. Please find below extract from the PPECB cold treatment yellow card – please export accordingly and contact PPECB if you are still uncertain about the requirements:

COUNTRY	FRUIT	RECOMENDATION SET POINT (°C) 3	PROBES	VENT SETTING	PROTOCOL	DAYS	COLD STORE TARGET TEMP.
INDONESIA	Table Grapes	-0.5(SD2)	3 Onboard	CLOSED	2 3	14 16	0.0
	Apples, Pears, Peaches, Plums & Apricots	-0.5(SD2/SDV2)		CLOSED/15	2 3	16 20	
	Oranges, Grapefruit, Lemons & Mandarins	0.5(SC5) 1.0(SC3)		15	2 3	16 18	
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SPAIN PORT VISITS

The CGA and FPEF embarked on a project for normalizing trade for citrus fruit, directly to Spanish ports. Subsequent communication and meetings since October 2018 guided industry to potentially launch a pilot project for 2019.

Three ports were identified: Vigo, Algeciras and Barcelona/Tarragona and all of them reacted positively on the visit and conditions presented to them. We requested that SA should be subjected to the same conditions as any other 3rd country upon entry to the EU (particularly to citrus) through its ports. The conditions presented were (among other things): standard sampling as per current EU emergency measures & legislation and finalization of the official phytosanitary reporting procedure to DAFF with a copy to the CGA/FPEF in three working days of arrival etc. No special conditions should exist, and trade should continue as stipulated by the EU legislation.

At all three ports, parties agreed on the conditions that provide industry sufficient assurances to manage the risk. It is therefore up to industry to decide which port is most suitable to launch a pilot project in 2019, if any. A complete report on the findings of the visit will be available in due course. The CGA and FPEF will jointly host a meeting to present the findings and ultimately for industry to decide on a suitable port to enter directly into Spain.

Best regards

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