



Dear FPEF Members,

The beginning of a new month - amidst COVID-19 - and some people say that they wish it was still 2019. A wise man said that *"It is not wise to live backwards in the direction of the past as the past is only good as long as I do not have to live there. Times are tough, but they are always tough"*.

Be that as it may, we are still thankful that our industry was declared as an essential industry and could continue operating during the lockdown from Day 1 – although being faced with new and changing regulations and challenges. From the FPEF's side we were, and still are, involved with these issues and are seeking solutions together with various role players.

You will notice that from this edition, the *Keeping it Fresh*, has a new "look and feel" which ties in with the design of our other publications such as the *Export Directory* and *Facebook* page.

The Minister of Finance delivered his "Emergency Budget" on 24 June and the broad interventions which he has announced have been debated and discussed by economists and others. At this stage, we have not received any detail regarding how these measures will further have a direct effect on our industry, especially with regards to funding trade shows. At this stage, information is that funding of *Asia Fruit Logistica* in November in Singapore, *World Food Moscow* in September and *Fruit Logistica* in Berlin (February 2021) will continue.

However, our participation will depend on the matters regarding international travel. As was announced earlier, the Boards of both the FPEF and FruitSA have also decided that we will not participate in *Fruit Attraction* in Madrid in October; especially since we will have to fund it 100% and it is also uncertain if we will receive value for our money and the number of exhibitors and visitors may be limited due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. Our competitor countries will also not be there.

Herewith, a **summary of the rules and regulations** which have been published in the Government Gazette since the previous edition of *Keeping it Fresh*:

Level 3 Regulations amended

[Advance level 3 Regulations](#)

TRANSNET PORT TERMINALS EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Velile Dube to the position of Chief Executive effective 1 July 2020.



MARKETS

Korea

The interim measures will be extended for July and Korea will accept the phytosanitary certificates of South Africa issued by 31 July. With these interim measures, only cold treatment during transportation is allowed. Korea: APQA will strengthen the import inspection including checking records of cold treatment and laboratory testing. This will be evaluated monthly whether to extend the interim measures or resume the pre-clearance program. The result of the review will be notified timely.

Spain

We have been working on a solution for agreement between the Spanish NPPO and DALRRD on the additional declaration text of the phytosanitary certificate Spain is demanding for citrus. The Spanish wording required is different from what is being accepted by all the other 26 EU Member States and the UK. DALRRD cannot issue phytosanitary certificates for each member state differently. Ideally, we would have wanted this finalised prior to the season and not in the middle of the citrus season. The DALRRD will issue a letter today instructing exporters and growers not to submit any further documents for phytosanitary certificates to Spanish ports directly but, use any other EU countries - who accept the current phytosanitary certificate wording. DALRRD will request growers and exporters to COD containers on route to non-Spanish ports or feeder already arrived containers to other EU member state ports to assist with delays and resulting financial losses. **The DALRRD letter will be forwarded to all FPEF members and we will keep you posted on the matter.**



REGISTRATION WITH APAC (AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE AGENTS' COUNCIL)

It is a FPEF membership requirement for Export Agents to be APAC-registered. APAC has announced that the (revised) *Rules for Export Agents* are being implemented from 1 June and most of you would have received letters from APAC. We became aware that some of the matters mentioned in the letters are not 100% clear and have engaged with the Registrar. Some of these matters will now be re-considered and we will provide you with the relevant document as soon as we have received it from APAC.

REMINDER: SA FRUIT JOURNAL SURVEY

Amidst pandemic-related challenges pertaining to the distribution of the SA Fruit Journal by the Post Office, we are currently exploring alternative avenues, including an electronic option. Please assist us in making an informed decision in this regard by completing the survey, either electronically or via the attached Word document. We're also using this opportunity to get a feel for your overall experience of the magazine.

Please complete the survey before **13 July 2020** and if you've responded via the Word doc, email it to editor@safj.co.za.

Survey weblink: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/N6N2DF2>

We look forward to using your insights for the overall betterment of this longstanding industry mouthpiece.

USEFUL LINKS – COVID-19

You can find relevant information about **COVID-19** on our website: www.fpef.co.za

Official SA Government information site: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>

All official government **regulations and guidelines** are available at <https://www.gov.za/coronavirus/guidelines>

Emergency Hotline: [0800 029 999](tel:0800029999)

WhatsApp Support Line: [0600-123456](tel:0600123456)

*Let's keep our **social distance**, continue to **wash hands and sanitise** and **wear our masks**.*

Kind regards

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