

ClemenGold adopts Sinclair's compostable T55 label

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ClemenGold partners with labelling leader Sinclair to utilise the world's first fruit label certified for both home and industrial composting



Image: Sinclair

ClemenGold International, the South African-based 'House of Brands' behind ClemenGold mandarins, has partnered with global fresh produce labelling leader Sinclair and its agent HG Molenaar to roll out the Sinclair T55 – the world's first fruit label certified for both home and industrial composting.

The collaboration reflects "a shared commitment" to reducing single-use labelling waste while maintaining the operational performance required by modern fresh produce supply chains, the groups stated, as well as the branding impact that fruit labels have on consumers.

“Sustainability is part of how we do business every day,” said Nico van Schalkwyk, CEO of ClemenGold International.

“By embracing proven, certified innovations like this one, we’re reducing waste in a way that works for both our supply chain and our consumers.

”It’s a simple change with a meaningful impact and a step forward for the industry,” he noted.

Meeting composting standards EN 13432, NFT 51-800 and AS 5810, T55 is independently certified by Tüv Austria, Din Certco, and the Australasian Bioplastics Association (ABA) and meets global food safety compliance.



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For consumers, the Sinclair T55 label is designed as an easy disposal solution, allowing it to be composted together with fruit peel in home composting systems and helping to reduce contamination in organic waste streams.

For retailers and brand owners, it offers a way to stay aligned with evolving fruit labelling and waste-reduction regulations, while still preserving crucial point-of-sale performance, brand integrity, and the ability to reduce the environmental impact.

Working alongside partners such as ClemenGold, Sinclair said it is showing how sustainability in fresh produce works best when it is integrated, measurable, and scalable from orchard operations to packaging design and end-of-life processes.

The move to T-55 by their group-owned packhouses “establishes ClemenGold’s commitment to lead the sustainability change in Africa’s citrus sector”, the companies outlined.

“Partnerships like this help raise the bar for sustainability and innovation across our industry,” added Duncan Jones, senior marketing manager at Sinclair.

”It’s clear that our customers are eager to adopt certified fruit labelling solutions sooner rather than later, well ahead of any formal requirements.”e