

AFRICA / COVID-19 / IMPORTS AND EXPORTS / LOGISTICS / OTHER / SEA FREIGHT

EXPORTS: South African citrus shipments exceed expectations

12 Oct 2020 - by Eugene Goddard



In the face of what may have seemed like insurmountable odds South Africa's citrus exporters managed to exceed all expectations, with 146 million cartons of fruit shipped to various destinations across the world.

Although this figure is yet to be finalised, the provisional quantum of citrus shipped this season was realised despite the manifold challenges exporters faced such as Covid-19 lockdown regulations, weather-related delays at port, and other impediments to logistics.

According to Justin Chadwick, CEO of the Citrus Growers' Association (CGA), the figure of 146 million cartons is the equivalent of 1.85 million pallets, some 66 100 truck trips to port cold stores, and 83 000 reefer containers.

It included 198 000 pallets shipped in specialised reefer ships from the country's four main ports.

"This is certainly an amazing accomplishment if one considers the many hurdles the industry faced from the 27th March – when the Covid-19 lockdown started – until now."

The need for specialised reefer vessels resulted in a 33% increase of these shipments to countries like Japan, China and the USA, the last destination yielding a record of 12 sailings this year.

Shipments to the EU and Russia had also gone well although containerised exports had often been delayed, Chadwick said.

Sign up to our mailing list and get daily news headlines and weekly features directly to your inbox free.
Subscribe to receive print copies of Freight News Features to your door.

0 Comments

1 Login ▼

G

Start the discussion...

LOG IN WITH

OR SIGN UP WITH DISQUS ?

Name

ftwOnline

CRW

Be the first to comment.

Share

Best Newest Oldest