



Ramaphosa condemns EU for restrictions on citrus exports from South Africa

Yesterday, South African president Cyril Ramaphosa condemned the EU for restrictions on citrus exports from his nation to prevent the importation of non-indigenous moths which stranded tons of fruit at sea when introduced last year.

Ramaphosa said he was "disappointed at the (EU's) acts of... protectionism against" the country's agricultural products, "most recently against our citrus". The rules, which seek to combat the spread of a pest called the false codling moth, require South African farmers to apply extreme cold treatment to all Europe-bound oranges.

With an industry valued at almost \$2 billion, Africa's most industrialised economy is ranked behind Spain as the world's second largest exporter of fresh citrus.

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