



Growers in Zimbabwe welcome move to start citrus exports to China

Zimbabwe's Horticultural Development Council (HDC) has welcomed China's approval of fresh citrus imports from Zimbabwe. They claim the development will open new windows to boost agricultural trade.

HDC Chief Executive Officer Linda Nielsen stated: "The industry is very optimistic about the opportunities that will arise from the protocol with China. We are now working with those that are registered and able to ensure compliance requirements are met in order to ensure a smooth first run of orders."

On June 1, 2023, the General Administration of Customs of China released the list of registered Zimbabwean orchards and pack houses that can export citrus to China. A total of 11 citrus orchards and six citrus pack houses in Zimbabwe were listed among those that will be involved in citrus exports to China. This came after Zimbabwe and China last year signed a citrus protocol to give Zimbabwean companies access to export citrus to China, one of Zimbabwe's top export destinations.

Nielsen said Zimbabwe is expecting to start its maiden fresh citrus exports to China later this month.

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