FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (13/11)

Justin Chadwick (8 April 2011)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "*We are all faced with a series of great opportunities brilliantly disguised as impossible situations" Charles Swindall*

EXPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR BANGLADESH AND MAURITIUS

The following procedures will be required for these two countries regarding phytosanitary certification:
Bangladesh require "freedom from injurious pest and diseases or render by effective treatment" [fumigation] - this would require that the DAPIS inspectors need to sample and inspect consignments prior to export or that the consignment is treated by an effective treatment such as fumigation. In both cases a phytosanitary certificate will be issued with either an AD or statement of the treatment details.
Mauritius require under special conditions freedom from San Jose Scale - this would require:
For **hosts** of San Jose scale (not citrus fruit) sample and inspection by DAPIS inspectors and issue of a phytosanitary certificate with an AD stating free from SJS.
For **non-hosts** of San Jose Scale a phytosanitary certificate will be issued based on the QA certificate issued by PPECB. Non-hosts of San Jose Scale include citrus fruits

CGA BOARD

The Board approved a budget that will see increased expenditure on the main strategic priorities – market access, cultivar management, research and transformation. Funds have been allocated to match funding from the PIP 2 program (to be administered by PPECB) which will focus on plant protection products and there usage. In addition an allocation has been made for the CBS IPPC process which seems to be taking forever to get going. The citrus industry is anxious that a panel be convened as soon as possible to assess the Pest Risk Assessment developed by South Africa in the year 2000, and the FSA opinion released in 2009. The CGA has appointed a representative in Moscow, Russia (in addition to the present representatives in Brussels and Washington). Russia has proved to be an important destination for South African citrus, with big increases in export volumes over the past few years. There are a number of challenges and uncertainties in this market which the new representative will assist in addressing. In 2011 the CGA will be doing research on the citrus carbon footprint, using the recently developed carbon calculator. It is important to get a measure of the present footprint and what makes up the bigger carbon emitting practices. This can lead to targeted improvements, and a positive message to markets regarding environmental stewardship.
The Board appreciated an address by the CEO and Commercialisation Manager of the Agricultural Research Council (ARC). It was recognized that CGA and ARC have a common goal in terms of industry competitiveness. There is definite scope for closer interaction in the future.

RUSSIA

CGA receives a weekly market report from the Russian representative in Moscow. This report is available to all CMF members, if you would like to be added to the distribution list let me know (justchad@iafrica.com).

PACKED 2011

Grapefruit is now starting to get packed. Interesting that after an early start, soft citrus is now level pegging with last year.

End Week 13	**Packed 2009**	**Packed 2010**	**Packed 2011**
Soft Citrus	292 000	550 000	551 000
Lemons	492 000	841 000	659 000
Grapefruit	28 000	53 000	48 000

GROWERS LEVIES ARE USED TO FUND CGA, CRI AND CITRUS ACADEMY ACTIVITIES.
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