

## FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (5/14)

Justin Chadwick (14 February 2014)

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK** "Whenever you find yourself on the side of the majority, it is time to pause and reflect."

Mark Twain

### CITRUS BLACK SPOT

In 2014 growers need to ensure that they follow all the requirements in terms of CBS to the "T"; failure to do so could have devastating business consequences, including being excluded from the EU market;

- If you have registered an orchard for the EU; and for any reason you have concerns regarding the CBS status of the orchard then WITHDRAW the orchard immediately. Failure to do so could mean an orchard "hit" and classification as a high risk PUC (and exclusion from the EU market).
- DAFF are busy with orchard registration verification inspections. DAFF is being very thorough in ensuring that appropriate treatment has been administered. Where a treatment has been deemed inappropriate the orchard is not registered. Growers who wish to appeal this DAFF finding can send all information to [citrus@daff.gov.za](mailto:citrus@daff.gov.za)
- All orchards on the 2013 black and alert list needed to apply for reinstatement. Check with DAFF regarding the orchard status and do not assume reinstatement; DAFF will only reinstate if 100% happy that remedial action has been taken and that this action has been successful.
- All orchards to be harvested for the EU MUST be inspected prior to harvesting. A booking system has been developed by DAFF and CGA. For more information contact Paul Hardman ([ph@cga.co.za](mailto:ph@cga.co.za)).
- Only use packaging that is permitted for the EU.
- Do not place any stickers over original stickers on the packaging (for the EU).
- Ensure that fruit for the EU that is not under cooling within 6 days after packing is presented for an additional port inspection.
- Ensure that fruit for the EU that is not shipped within 18 days after first inspection is presented for an additional port inspection.
- Any fruit destined for the EU, and not shipped within 28 days after first inspection will not be permitted to be exported to the EU.
- Citrus fruit shipped to the EU must be shipped at temperatures as prescribed by DAFF and listed in RMS.
- Ensure that your Packhouse manager has undergone DAFF training.
- Ensure your export agent and freight forwarder has undergone DAFF training.
- Make sure you are familiar with the Risk Management System (RMS) dated January 2014. If you need a copy please contact [justchad@iafrica.com](mailto:justchad@iafrica.com).
- Make sure that all your service providers are familiar with the requirements of the RMS – ignorance is not an acceptable excuse.

### GROWER ROADSHOWS

Thanks to **First National Bank (FNB)** there will be an opportunity for growers to "kuier" a bit after the Eastern Cape Road shows this week with a cold one and a braai/snacks. This is often when the real issues are addressed and CGA staff would value the opportunity to get to know all the growers a bit better. Please RSVP

[gloria@cga.co.za](mailto:gloria@cga.co.za) should you be able to attend (for catering purposes).

**River Bioscience (RB)** will be sponsoring the drinks and food up north – once again if you can attend please rsvp [gloria@cga.co.za](mailto:gloria@cga.co.za). **THIS WEEKS ROADSHOWS:**

**PAUL'S GROUP East Cape Midlands** (18 February; 14h00; Boardroom Kat River Citrus Company – followed by a braai/drinks), **Sundays River** (19 February; 14h00; Lookout Lodge – followed by snacks/drinks) and **Patensie** (20 February; 14h00; PSB – followed by braai/drinks at Twee Waters Guest House), **JUSTIN'S GROUP Limpopo River** (17 February; 16h00; Klein Baloyi Game Lodge – followed by snacks/drinks), **Zimbabwe** (18 February; 10h00 Paul Bristow's farm- followed by light lunch), **Letsitele** (19 February; 10h00 The Junction braai and drinks previous evening 18 February at the Junction), **Hoedspruit** (19 February 15h00; Hengelklub – followed by braai/drinks) and **Senwes** (20 February; 15h00; Raasblaar Game Lodge, followed by snacks/drinks).

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