

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (7/14)

Justin Chadwick (28 February 2014)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK "Motivation is what gets you started, habit is what keeps you going" Jim Ryan

Research on Regulatory Aspects of [Citrus] Reefer Container Transport: Mitchell Brooke

The presentation given at the CRI Packhouse Workshops which completed last week showed the benefits of light weight low-deck skeletal trailers to transport [citrus] reefer containers to packhouses or inland facilities to load citrus. The light weight skeletal trailer with a tare mass of 5.2 tons can potentially transport a safe cargo mass of 29 tons (20 high cube pallets) compared to that of 27 tons on conventional flat-deck trailers. This could be beneficial in terms of ambient loading of containers of Valencia's, Lemons and Navels (the latter still under dispute) which are packed on pallets to an average gross pallet mass of 1,460kg's (Equivalent to an A15C carton mass of 18kg). Given the level of congestion at the Durban cold stores during peak season, transporting containers from the port inland has been identified as a possible means to reduce the congestion – from there the container goes directly into stack. The trailer also seems to be the only trailer that complies with the maximum height regulation of 4.3m as the combined height of the trailer (1.4m) and the 'high cube' container (2.9m) meets the regulation. The present moratorium issued by the DoT will expire in 2019 meaning that the ability for conventional trailers (with a deck height higher than 1.4m) to transport 'high cube' containers could become problematic. The Road Freight Association (RFA) and the Durban Harbour Carriers Association (DHCA) have suggested the CGA lobby to have the regulation amended for 'high cube' containers to the equivalent permissible height of double decker buses of 4.6m. The research document contains some valuable information on the aspect of loading containers with some good recommendations to ensure compliance with the regulations, the document can be found on the CGA website www.cga.co.za in the Logistics section.

LIST OF REGISTERED ORCHARDS AND PACKHOUSES FOR CHINA

In 2013 exports to China were delayed as the Chinese authorities had not approved the list of registered orchards and packhouses. This year the process has gone smoothly due to the combined efforts of Washiela Williams (Agricultural Attaché in Beijing), Patrick Magadani (DAFF) and Paul Hardman (CGA). Growers and Packhouse Managers must look at the following links to ensure that they are registered and that they only harvest from registered orchards and pack in registered packhouses for China: [Approved China Citrus Database](#)
[2014 Approved China Citrus PHCs 2014](#)

LAST GROWER ROADSHOW, VARIETY FOCUS GROUP AND CITRUS MARKETING FORUM MEETINGS

To date attendance at CGA grower road shows has been excellent; we finish off next week on 4 March for KZN Midlands at **14h00 at Victoria Country Club**. Looking ahead a reminder to all Variety Focus Group members of the meetings on **17th March** at the Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre (close to O R Tambo airport). The Citrus Marketing Forum (CMF) will be held the next day (**18th March**) at the same venue.

SIZA

Recently SIZA held a number of workshops in Europe and UK; I would like to share a letter from an importer who attended one of the workshops; **CONGRATULATIONS TO COLLEEN CHENNELLS AND MIKE WILSON**

Dear South-African Supplier,

Last week we attended a workshop about SIZA. We went there a bit curious and maybe even negative about the fact that our growers need 'another' certificate. But we came back after the workshop even a bit enthusiastic.

To us this certificate does make sense and the online program that comes with it even more. It does facilitate a lot, like all GlobalGap certificates online and checked by SIZA and for example a total overview who from our growers / suppliers are part of the SIZA program. And a very important the costs are really not too high.

We do expect that this will become, very soon, the new standard for EU retailers.

Anyway to come to the point; we did sign up to become a SIZA member. We do ask all our growers, packers and exporters to become a SIZA member as well and to start as soon as possible. The reason for asking to start as soon as possible is that you can only get certificated in season.

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