

FROM THE DESK OF THE CEO (47/16)

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“There is no passion to be found in playing small – in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living” Nelson Mandela

PHYTOSANITARY REGISTRATIONS (MESSAGE FROM PAUL HARDMAN)

This is the final week for corrections to the database for the Phytosanitary registration for Special markets in 2017. Corrections can be received until 9th December 2016 and be sent to TshivhidzoS@daff.gov.za 012 319 6294 or PatrickMag@daff.gov.za 012 319 6235

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1) Should you wish to add orchards this is still possible until the 9th Dec 2016.
- 2) If you applied for South Korea but did not send in the motivation letter, this should be sent in before the 9th Dec 2016. Failure to do so will result in the orchards not being approved for the Korean market in 2017.

The updated database will also be available on the CGA website: Current Affairs(www.cga.co.za).

SOUTH AFRICAN CITRUS INDUSTRY CONTINUES TO MOVE FROM ROAD TO RAIL

During 2015 a total of 22 000 tons of citrus moved from Tzaneen to Durban by rail – it would have taken 650 trucks to move that amount of fruit to Durban. In 2016 the volume more than doubled with railings from both Tzaneen and Marble Hall – a total of 47 000 tons; replacing almost 1 400 truckloads. This change has a positive impact in a number of areas – road maintenance, road congestion and emissions (just to name three). The producers and exporters involved must be commended for driving this initiative. Transnet Freight Rail, Transnet Port Terminals and service providers should also be commended as there were few delays experienced, with deliveries of these containers being well managed.

PLANNED MEETINGS TO COINCIDE WITH CITRUS SUMMIT IN PORT ELIZABETH

At the Citrus Marketing Forum (CMF) meeting in October it was agreed that the next CMF should be held around the Summit date. It has now been arranged that the Variety Focus Group (10h00 to 13h00) and CMF (14h00 to 17h00) meetings will be held on Tuesday 7th March – giving delegates a chance to freshen up before the Summit Welcome Dinner (sponsored by Villa Crop Protection) at 19h00. A logistics meeting will be held on Thursday 9th March (following the CGA members meeting). The CGA members meeting should conclude at about 14h00 (latest 15h00) – giving 2 to 3 hours to deliberate on logistics matter; and allowing delegates to catch the last flights out of PE.

Register now at www.cga.co.za and ensure that you are part of the future plans for the southern African citrus industry. For more information on the Industry meetings contact gloria@cga.co.za.

DATES AND VENUES FOR CRI POSTHARVEST WORKSHOPS 2017

Date	Packhouse Workshop	Venue
Tues 31 Jan - Wed 1 Feb	Limpopo 1	Fairview Hotel, Tzaneen Tel: 015 - 307 2679
Thurs 2 - Fri 3 Feb	Limpopo 2	Loskopdam Tel: 013 - 262 3075
Tues 14 - Wed 15 Feb	Mpumalanga	LVCC, Nelspruit Tel: 013 - 759 8000
Thurs 16 - Fri 17 Feb	KZN & Swaziland	Blue Waters Hotel, Durban Tel: 031 - 327 700
Tues 21 - Wed 22 Feb	Oos-Kaap	Mentorskraal, Jeffreysbaai Tel : 042-293 1142
Thurs 23 - Fri 24 Feb	Wes-Kaap	Allee-Bleue, Franschoek Tel : 021-874 1021

For more information on the CRI Workshops contact liezl@cri.co.za

SOUTHERN AFRICAN CITRUS GROWERS FUND THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE CGA GROUP (CRI, RIVER BIOSCIENCE, XSIT, CGA CULTIVAR COMPANY, CGA GROWER DEVELOPMENT COMPANY AND CITRUS ACADEMY)