



CHANGES TO PROCEDURES FOR THE EXPORT OF FRESH CITRUS FRUIT TO THE EUROPEAN UNION FROM AREAS IN SOUTH AFRICA WHERE CITRUS BLACK SPOT (CBS) IS KNOWN TO OCCUR

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The South African phytosanitary measures for Citrus Black Spot (CBS) on citrus fruit exports to European Union (EU) countries are designed to comply with COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/632 of 13 April 2022.

These measures are now prescribed in a procedural document - **Procedure to ensure compliance for 2024 export of fresh citrus fruit to the European Union from areas where citrus black spot (CBS) is present in South Africa**. The procedural document replaces the Citrus Black Spot Risk Management System (CBS RMS). This Cutting Edge aims to clarify the requirements. Most of the requirements remain unchanged, but the following should be noted:

Orchard inspections

- The function on E-Inspect to request orchard inspections, is only available from 2 weeks before the start of the harvest.

Phytosanitary certification

- Phytosanitary certificates will not be issued for packed/in-transit consignments that contain fruit from an orchard that had a CBS status change (rejection, interception, deregistration) before submission of certification documentation to the relevant regulatory office.

Disqualification system for an orchard due to local CBS rejections or EU interceptions

- The detection of CBS symptomatic fruit, either during the official inspections in South Africa or upon arrival in the EU, shall disqualify the implicated orchard from exporting to the EU for the remainder of the export season, as well as the next export season.

Official inspections in South Africa on fruit destined for the EU that may result in a CBS rejection:

- DALRRD orchard inspections
- 200 to 400 fruits per lot inspection upon arrival at the packhouse (replaces the previous 600 fruit on-arrival inspection). **A lot - all the fruit from an orchard delivered to the packhouse on a day.**
- 1% PPECB inspection along the line between arrival and packing at the packhouse (**Only on the first delivery at the packhouse**)
- 2% PPECB post-packing inspection before departure from the packhouse
- Fruit age re-inspection (21 days for soft citrus and 28 days for hard citrus)
- Valencia symptom expression tests
- Regulatory Audit by DALRRD

Deregistration

- Deregistration of an orchard cannot be done where PPECB/ DALRRD have already recorded a CBS rejection during any of the official inspection processes.
- Deregistration is valid for the remainder of the export season.

Measures no longer applicable

- Coding for Phyto pests ("6" and "8"), although exporters can continue with such coding on their systems
- Fruit must be under cooling within 6 days after the first PPECB inspection
- Fruit shall be exported within 18 days
- Fruit older than 18 days up until 28 days requires a DALRRD re-inspection



- Fruit older than 28 days shall be exported to other markets
- Packhouses, inspection points, loading facilities, cold stores, cold storage facilities and exporters that compromise the procedures shall be suspended from handling fruit for the EU
- No packing of fruit from non-CBS-free areas in packhouses that are located in the CBS-free areas
- Disqualification of a PUC
- Re-inspection of Valencia orchards from 01 August onwards
- CBS interceptions during regulatory inspections will be recorded as hits if the interception occurs on fruit from an orchard that is registered for EU, irrespective of the market for which the fruit is packed (CBS rejections are now only applicable to fruit that is presented for export to the EU).



VERANDERINGE AAN PROSEDURES VIR DIE UITVOER VAN VARS SITRUSVRUGTE NA DIE EUROPESE UNIE VANAF GEBIEDE IN SUID- AFRIKA WAAR SITRUSSWARTVLEK (CBS) VOORKOM

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Die Suid-Afrikaanse fitosanitêre maatreëls vir sitruswartvlek (CBS) op sitrus-uitvoere na lande van die Europese Unie (EU) is ontwerp om te voldoen aan die KOMMISSIE IMPLEMENTERINGSREGULASIE (EU) 2022/632 van 13 April 2022.

Hierdie maatreëls word nou voorgeskryf in 'n prosedurele dokument – **Procedure to ensure compliance for 2024 export of fresh citrus fruit to the European Union from areas where citrus black spot (CBS) is present in South Africa**. Die prosedurele dokument vervang die Sitruswartvlek-riksobestuurstelsel (CBS RMS). Hierdie Snykant het ten doel om die vereistes te verduidelik. Die meeste van die vereistes bly onveranderd, maar die volgende moet in ag geneem word.

Boord-inspeksies

- Die funksie van die E-Inspect om boord-inspeksies aan te vra, is slegs beskikbaar vanaf 2 weke voor die aanvang van die oes.

Fitosanitêre sertifisering

- Fitosanitêre sertifikate sal nie uitgereik word vir verpakte/in-transit besendings wat vrugte bevat vanaf 'n boord wat 'n CBS-statusverandering gehad het (afkeuring, onderskepping, deregistrasie) voordat sertifiseringsdokumentasie by die betrokke regulatoriese kantoor ingedien is nie.

Diskwalifikasie-stelsel vir 'n boord met plaaslike CBS-afkeurings en EU-onderskeppings

- Die opsparing van CBS-simptomatiese vrugte, hetsy tydens die amptelike inspeksies in Suid-Afrika óf by aankoms in die EU, sal die betrokke boord diskwalifiseer om vir die res van die uitvoerseisoen na die EU uit te voer, sowel as die volgende uitvoerseisoen.

Amptelike inspeksies in Suid-Afrika op vrugte wat vir die EU bestem is, wat tot 'n CBS-afkeuring kan lei:

- DALRRD boord-inspeksies
- 200 tot 400 vrugte per lot inspeksie by aankoms by die pakhuis (vervang die vorige 600 vrugte by aankoms inspeksie). **'n Lot - al die vrugte van 'n boord afgelewer by die pakhuis op 'n dag.**
- 1% PPECB-inspeksie langs die lyn tussen aankoms en verpakking by die pakhuis **(Slegs op die eerste aflewering by die pakhuis)**
- 2% PPECB ná-verpakking inspeksie vóór vertrek vanaf die pakhuis
- Vrug-ouderdom her-inspeksie (21 dae vir sagte sitrus en 28 dae vir harde sitrus)
- Valencia-simptoom-uitdrukking toetse
- Regulatoriese Oudit deur DALRRD

Deregistrasie

- Deregistrasie van 'n boord kan nie plaasvind waar PPECB/DALRRD alreeds 'n CBS-afkeuring gedurende enige van die amptelike inspeksie-prosesse aangeteken het nie.
- Deregistrasie is geldig vir die res van die uitvoerseisoen.

Maatreëls wat nie meer van toepassing is nie

- Kodering vir Phyto-plae ("6" en "8"), alhoewel uitvoerders kan voortgaan met sulke kodering op hul stelsels
- Vrugte moet binne 6 dae na die eerste PPECB-inspeksie onder verkoeling wees
- Vrugte moet binne 18 dae uitgevoer word



- Vrugte ouer as 18 tot 28 dae vereis 'n DALRRD her-inspeksie
- Vrugte ouer as 28 dae moet na ander markte uitgevoer word
- Pakhuise, inspeksiepunte, laaifasiliteite, koelkamers, koelstoorfasiliteite en uitvoerders wat die prosedures kompromitteer, sal geskors word om vrugte vir die EU te hanteer
- Geen verpakking van vrugte uit nie-CBS-vrye gebiede in pakhuse wat in die CBS-vrye gebiede geleë is
- Diskwalifikasie van 'n PUK
- Her-inspeksie van Valencia-boorde vanaf 01 Augustus vorentoe
- CBS-onderskeppings tydens regulatoriese inspeksies sal as *hits* aangeteken word indien die onderskepping plaasvind op vrugte vanaf 'n boord wat vir EU geregistreer is, ongeag die mark waarvoor die vrugte verpak is (CBS-afkeurings is nou slegs van toepassing op vrugte wat vir uitvoer na die EU aangebied word).