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### GUIDELINES: PHYTOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS AND WORKING PROCEDURES FOR THE EXPORT OF CITRUS FROM RSA TO TAIWAN

#### **NO DALRRD PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTION APPLICATION AND INSPECTION REQUIRED**

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**Disclaimer:** This document serves only as a guideline. It is the responsibility of the user to consult the complete compliance regulation of the concerned country (protocol, import permit, directive, etc.), for further clarification. Refer to the website of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD):

<http://www.old.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Plant-Health/Exporting-from-SA/Special-export-protocols>

1. **Citrus types allowed for exports**
  - All citrus types
2. **Production regions allowed for exports**
  - All production regions of RSA
3. **Quarantine pests - consignments will be rejected by PPECB if any of these live pests are found during quality inspections (for the complete list – consult the official Taiwan Directive)**
  - *Ceratitis capitata* - Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly)
  - *Ceratitis rosa* - Natal fruit fly
  - *Frankliniella occidentalis* - Western flower thrips
4. **Phytosanitary registration requirements with DALRRD**
  - No annual registration of production units and pack houses is required
5. **Marking requirements for cartons**
  - The following information must be on the **business end** of each carton:  
A sticker with the following wording: **“To Taiwan, Republic of China”**
  - All information stipulated as marking requirements in the DALRRD document “Part 1 - General Standard and Requirements regarding Control of export of Citrus fruit”

<http://www.old.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Food-Safety-Quality-Assurance/Export-Standards/Citrus-and-Subtropical-Fruit/Citrus-fruit>

- Superimposing of information on labels and cartons will not be allowed (e.g. no sticker on top of another sticker)
- Only clean and new cartons are allowed

**6. Marking requirements for pallets in the pack house**

- ISPM 15 - Mark must be legible and permanent with the correct treatment symbol
- ISPM 15 - Date code required on the pallet base
- Non-complying pallets will be rejected at pack houses by PPECB
- No Bark / No Infestation on a pallet base

**7. Documentation accompanying the consignments**

- Consignments from *Bactrocera dorsalis* (BD)-infested areas do require a removal permit according to Regulation R 110. Consignments from BD-free areas do not require a removal permit according to regulation R 110

**8. Rejection principles**

- Consignments will be rejected by PPECB if any live pests of quarantine importance are found during the PPECB inspection in the pack house
- No DALRRD phytosanitary inspection is required

**9. Shipping requirements**

- All fruit must be pre-cooled to pulp target temperature before loading (consult PPECB yellow card)
- Cold treatment conducted in-transit with a pulp temperature at 0.0°C for 12 days **or** 1.67°C for 14 days **or** 3.33°C for 18 days

**Note: Loading of containers - no mixed citrus types may be loaded in one container, but mixed varieties are allowed (e.g. no grapefruit and oranges are allowed in one container, but navel oranges and Valencia oranges are allowed).**

**10. Phytosanitary certificate**

- A phytosanitary certificate will be issued with an additional declaration:  
“The fruit has been thoroughly inspected and found free from *Ceratitidis capitata* and *Frankliniella occidentalis*”
- The following must also be indicated on the phytosanitary certificate:
  - Container and seal number
  - Date: Date of commencement of cold treatment as per PPECB certificate
  - Treatment: In-transit cold treatment
  - Duration and Temperature: Indicate details as per PPECB pre-cooling certificate
  - The in-transit cold treatment certificate issued by PPECB will be attached as an addendum to the phytosanitary certificate