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ANNEXURE C: PROCEDURE FOR THE 1% FRUIT INSPECTION ALONG THE LINE IN THE PACKHOUSE

1. **Introduction**

   This procedure aims to ensure compliance with the requirements of Annex III, point 5 (b) of the Commission Implementing Regulation 2022/632.

2. **Inspection intensity**

   - The PPECB inspector to spend a minimum of 5 minutes per hectare along the packhouse line/s between arrival and packing with the aim to see 1% of the fruit from an orchard.

3. **Methodology**

   3.1 To increase the chances of finding Citrus Black Spot (CBS) during this inspection, the sample needs to be inspected prior to sorting.

   3.2 In order for the line inspection to be conducted effectively and timeously, the packhouse needs to communicate the packing plan on time to the PPECB. The packhouse must provide and ensure that the following is available to the PPECB:

   a) The packing plan for the following day (to allow PPECB to plan accordingly):
      - The orchard numbers and number of orchards to be packed the following day.
      - The size in hectares of the orchards that will be packing the following day.
      - Provide records to the PPECB of the packhouse delivery inspections prior to conducting the line inspections.
      - All the above should be provided to PPECB, 15 hours before inspection.

      - Bookings must be made via email with the form provided by PPECB. The completed form and a copy of the PQI must be attached to the email for proper planning.

b) Appropriate working space along the line:

- Safe working space along the packhouse line.
- Sufficient lighting for CBS inspections.
- Secure structure to stand on during the line inspections.
- Access to any assistance required by the PPECB to conduct the line inspections.

The suitable position for the "line inspection" within the packhouse is after the dipping of fruit (into the bath) prior to the point of "pre-sorting" or "culling" which is the first point of removing any undesirable fruit (due to quality or phytosanitary) and leaves. If the inspection is conducted after this point, there is a possibility that fruit with the most visible CBS symptoms would have been removed from the line.

4 Record keeping

Detailed records for the inspection shall be kept by PPECB and the packhouse for all 1% inspection for auditing purposes.

It is the responsibility of the packhouse to ensure PPECB is informed 15 hours before packing of fruit from orchards approved for export to the EU. Fruit from orchards not presented/inspected will not be allowed to be exported to the EU.