PHYTOSANITARY INSPECTIONS FOR EXPORT OF LITCHIS FROM SA TO THE USA 2025/26 SEASON

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VERIFICATIONS

- DOA inspector shall verify if production units (PUC) are registered with Directorate: PH
- The person on the production site must be familiar with the requirements of the protocol
- Registration documents, Best practices protocols and farm/orchards maps must be available at the production site.
- Checklist or a questionnaire will be used
- Orchards will be physically visited to verify if they are correctly marked as per registration documents
- The inspector will physically verify if the monitoring traps are placed in the orchards
- The following records must be available on site for official verification:

  - Traps layout
  - Surveys/scouting monitoring records
  - All data must be recorded on recording sheets
  - Spraying records for the quarantine pests and chemical invoices

INSPECTIONS

- All inspection points should be registered with DOA
- All applications for phytosanitary inspections should be made through email at least 48 hours before the inspection date.
- Application forms to be provided, which will include after-hours inspections (16h00-20h00 weekdays and 8h00-16h00 weekends and/or public holidays)
- The samples to be inspected should be ready at the inspection point when the inspector arrives.
- All consignments must be inspected and if any pest of concern to USA found, the consignment will be rejected.
- If the wooden pallets are utilised, they must comply with the marking requirements as per ISPM15

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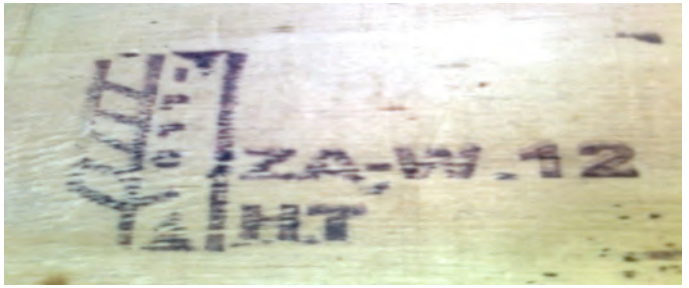

REJECTIONS CRITERIA

- The consignment will be rejected if any of the phytosanitary organisms listed in the protocol is detected.
- Does not comply with the marking requirements e.g no PUC or/and orchard numbers on the cartons
- In case unlisted organisms are found in the consignment, the grower would be advised to refrain from packing that orchards (hitchhikers)
- PUC and/or orchard is not registered with the Department

VOLUMES

- Litchi Exports to USA(2kg Cartons)

2023/2024 – Presented = 480 658
Rejected = 0
Exported = 480 658

2024/2025- Presented = 244 112
Rejected = 7 560
Reason for rejection = Litchi Moth
Exported = 236 552

Challenges and way forward

Challenges

- Incomplete application forms e.g no billing party or number of cartons
- Consignment not ready for inspection when inspectors arrive at the inspection facility
- Carton marking requirements i.e no PUC code and orchard number on the cartons (tracebility)
- Inspection facility not complying with OHS Act

Way forward

- Incomplete applications will not be attended to
- Make sure that consignment is ready as per agreed date and time or at least make a prior arrangement with the inspector
- Make sure that there is PUC code and orchard number on the cartons to avoid rejections
- Inspection facilities will be strictly audited before the season starts

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