PHYTOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT OF CITRUS FRUIT TO SPECIAL MARKETS



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Introduction

Special Markets: International markets that requires **special requirements** concerning **pest risk mitigation options** and **logistics involved in managing the programme** as stipulated in a bilaterally agreed **protocol or work plan programme/ directives** and import permit to ensure compliance.





Approved special markets requirements

Country	Citrus type	Provinces/districts/	Pest of concern	Mitigation measures
China	Oranges, Grapefruit, Lemons & Mandarins	All Provinces of SA	Medfly,Natal fly, FCM, Carob moth, Fuller's rose weevil & Mealybug	Systems approach & Cold treatment
Thailand	Lemons, Grapefruit, Sweet orange & Mandarins	All Provinces of SA	FCM, Mealybugs, Medfly, Natal fly, Fuller's rose weevil, Citrus thrips & Pear leaf roller.	Systems approach & Cold treatment
South Korea	Sweet Oranges, Lemons & Grapefruit	All Provinces of SA	Mealybugs,Medfly, Natal fly, Scales, FCM, Thrips & Mites	Systems approach & Cold treatment
EU	All Citrus types	All Provinces of SA	CBS, FF, FCM	Systems approach
Philippines	Sweet Oranges, Lemons, Mandarins, & Grapefruit	All Provinces of SA	Scales, Medfly, Natal fly, FCM, Mealybugs, Carob moth & Fuller's rose weevil,	Systems approach & Cold treatment





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Vietnam	Sweet Oranges	All Provinces of SA	Medfly , Natal fruit fly FCM, Bacterial canker & Oleander scale	Systems approach & Cold treatment
Japan	Sweet Oranges (Valencia variety, Washington Navel variety, Tomango variety, Cara cara navels, Navelates and Protea variety), Lemons, Clementines & Grapefruit.	All Provinces of SA	OFF, FCM, CBS, Scales & Mealybugs	Systems approach & Cold treatment
USA	Clementines (Clementines; Mandarins, Satsumas); Sweet oranges (Navel orange; Valencia orange; including Delta Seedless & Midknight), Grapefruit, Lemons & Minneolas	Only approved districts of WC,NC, NW & FS CBS free areas	Medfly, Natal fly, FCM, Mealybug, & Snail	Systems approach & Cold treatment





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Other requirements

- Use of FBO allocated codes by DFSQA.
- USA and Japan pre-clearance programme
- South Korea provided dispensations for next 3 years for pre-clearance
- Annual registration for PUCs, PHCs, Cold storage facilities required ,
- Tariff payments per PUCs, PHCs and IP.
- No debarking (DB) mark is allowed on the pallet base as per ISPM 15.
- Sulfuryl Fluoride (SF) treatment on WPM not allowed for USA
- No mixing of different Citrus types in a container and break bulk vessels for USA
- Comply with Federal Register No. 319.56 (CFR 7 Part 319.56) for USA

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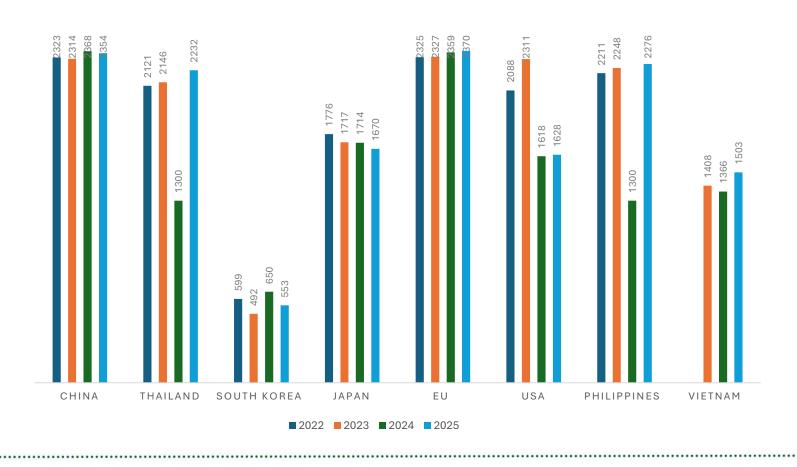
➤DoA website: www.nda.gov.za, Core business, Agricultural Production Health & Food Safety, Natural Resources & Disaster Management, Plant Production & Health, Plant Health, Exporting from SA, Special export protocols/programmes / directives / producer database for special export markets

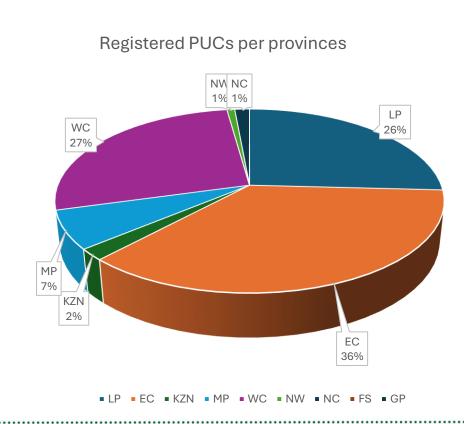
► Online registration : https://agriops.ecert.co.za/





Registered PUCs per markets for past 4 seasons

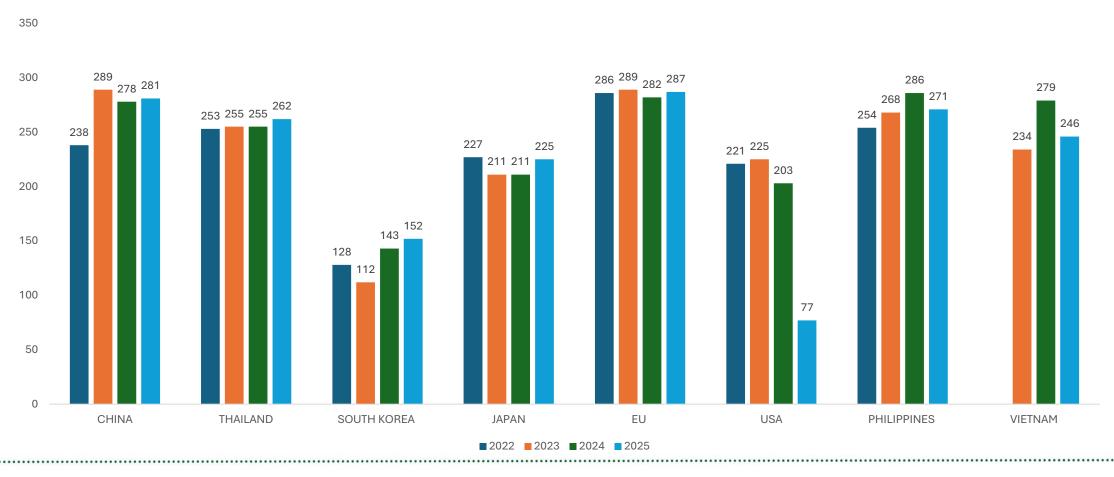








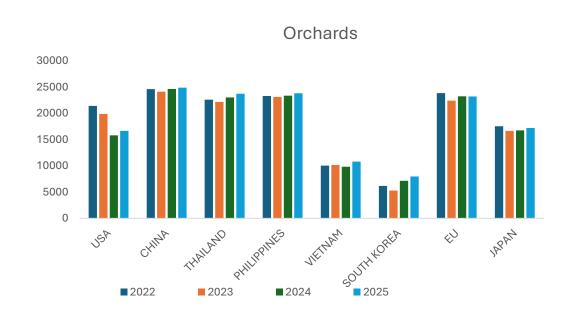
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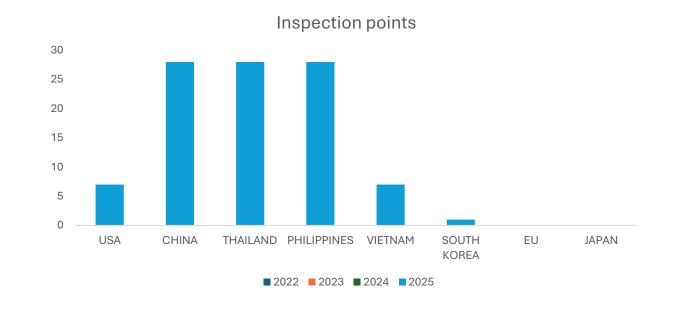






Registered Orchards & Inspection points per markets past 4 seasons

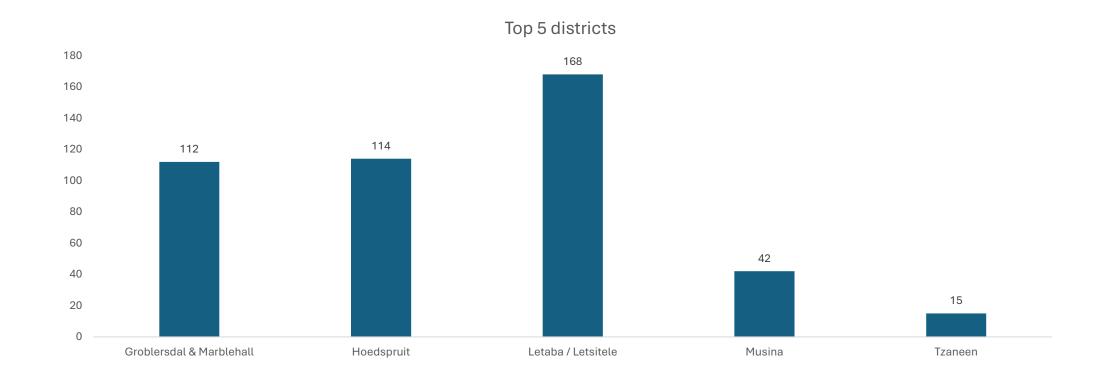








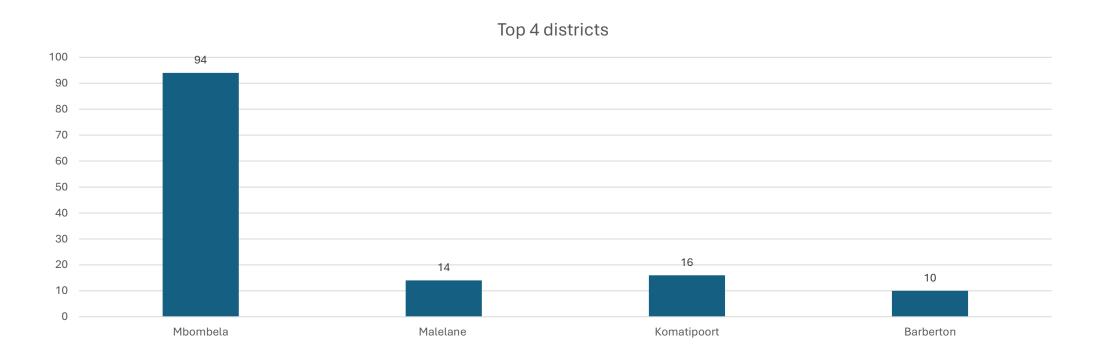
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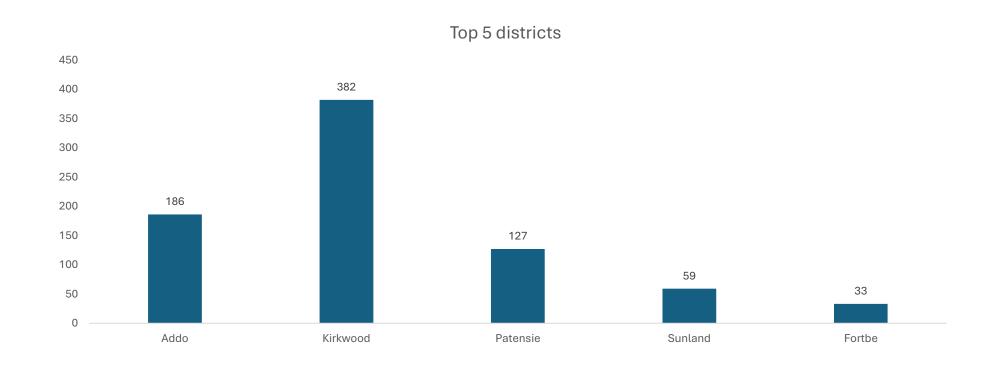
Mpumalanga Province registered PUCs per districts for 2025 season







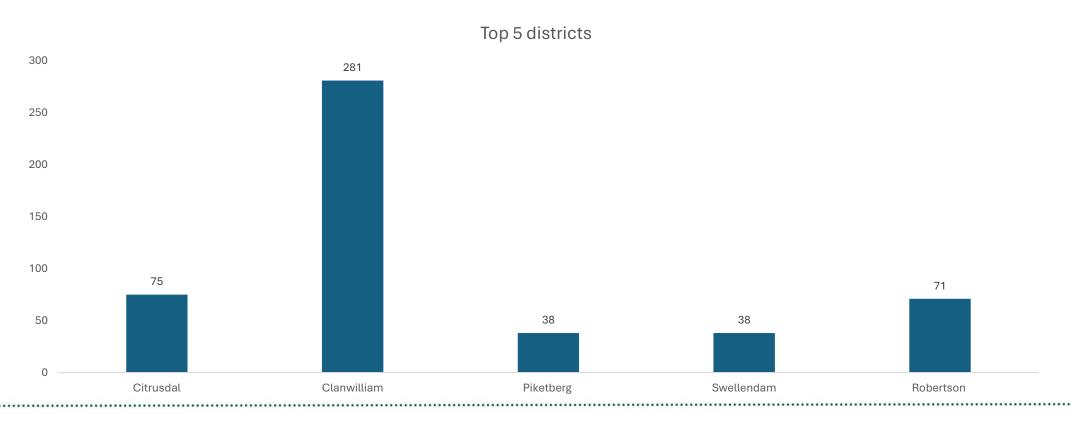
Eastern Cape Province registered PUCs per districts for 2025 season







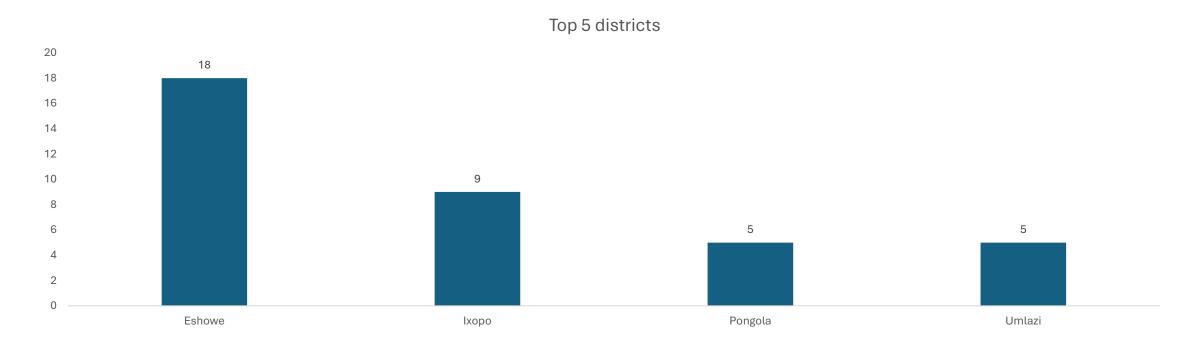
Western Cape Province registered PUCs per districts for 2025 season







KwaZulu-Natal Province registered PUCs per districts for 2025 season







Challenges and Way forward

Challenges

Way forward

- Non verifiable orchards \ PUCs information not appear as in the FBO profile,
- Parties should ensure that the data is accurate to avoid exclusion of orchards/PUCs in the database
- Late registrations (orchards, PUCs and of new inspection points)
- Parties should abide by due date to avoid exclusion in the export

Implications could lead to:

Incorrect planning in terms of human resource placement, Exclusion to Potential market access





Dates For Registration For 2025/26 Export Season

- ➤Online Phytosanitary registration will start on **27 October 2025** and the closing date is **14 November 2025**.
- ➤ Verification of information by growers at Ecert will be 24-28 November 2025.
- ➤ Registration of new inspection points (IP) facility liaise with DIS atleast 3 months prior
- ➤ Databases will be sent to the USA, Vietnam, Philippines, EU, South Korea and China as per the requirements
- Final approved list of PUCs/PHCs will be published on the **DoA website** early April 2026 (Except South Korea, Vietnam, China, Philippines and USA pending approval).





Tariff per PUC/ PHC/ IP per market

> 2025-2026 season tariff payment is R155.00

Banking details are as follows:

Bank: STANDARD BANK

Branch: Arcadia

Branch No: **010274189**

Account No: 05-10-01

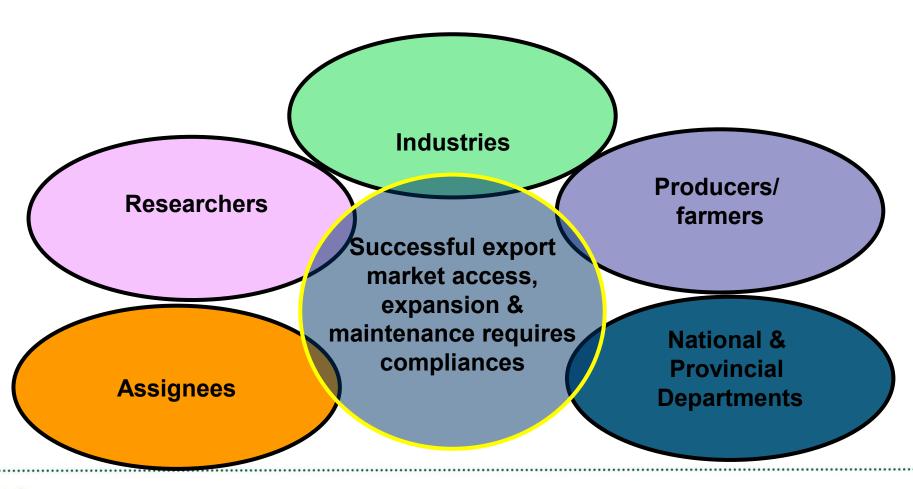
Account Name: DoA Plant health

Reference: PUC/PHC/IP name





Conclusion







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