

PHYTOSANITARY EXPORT CERTIFICATION

Annual Citrus Information Sessions

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Introduction

No legislation

Certification
ISPM 7 (System) and 12 (Phytosanitary
certificates

Turnaround Times:

- Airfreight phytos – Processed as and when in the system
- Road freight – 6 working hours
- Maritime – 48 working hours



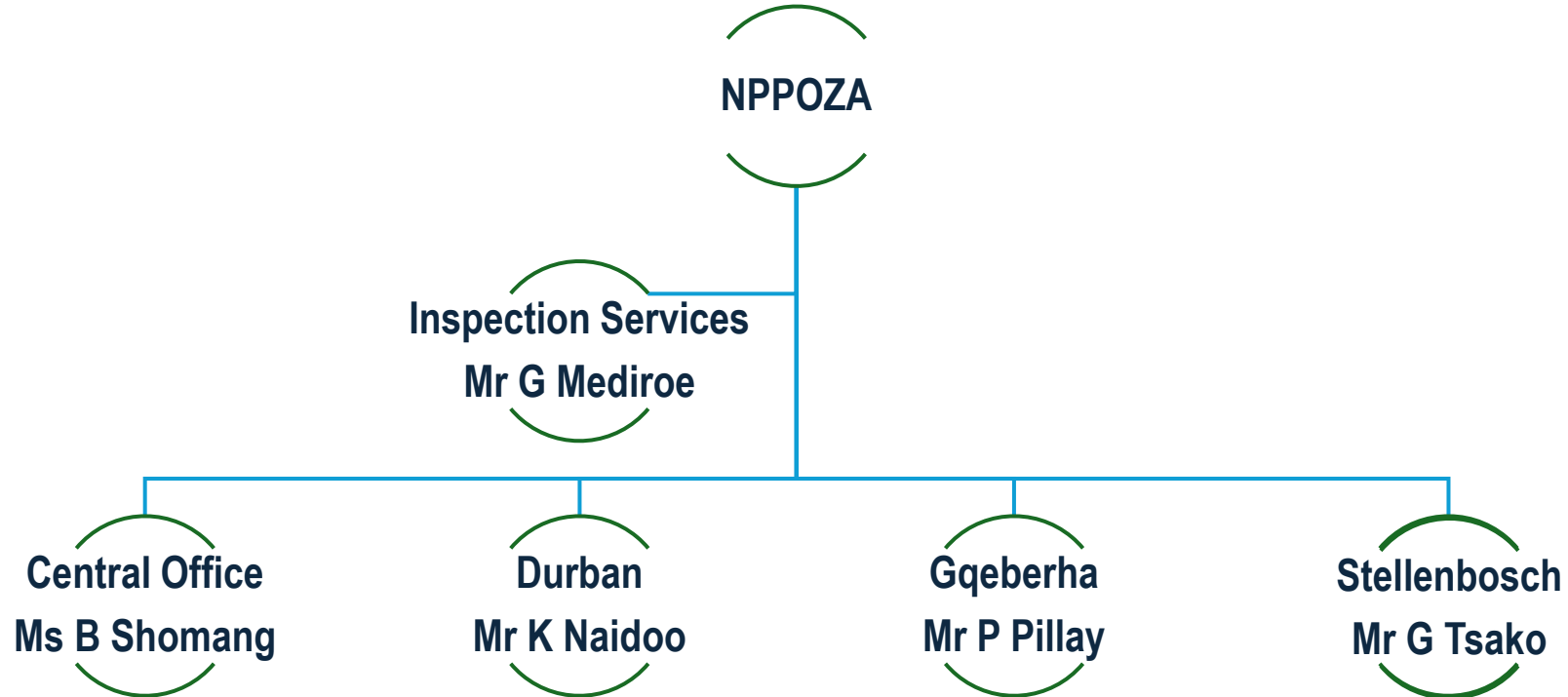
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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA		
	PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE NUMBER: NPPO-ZA/2025/S/00000000	
TO: PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION(S) OF: Germany		
I. DESCRIPTION OF CONSIGNMENT		
1. Name and address of exporter: Test	2. Declared name and address of consignee: Test	
3. Number and Description of Packages: Please refer to Annexure	4. Distinguishing Marks: NONE	
5. Place of Origin: THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	6. Declared means of conveyance: Test	7. Declared point of entry: ABESBUTTEL
8. Name of Produce, Quantity declared and Purpose: Please refer to Annexure		9. Botanical Name of Plants: Citrus sinensis, Citrus limon, Citrus paradisi, Citrus maxima, Citrus reticulata
This is to certify that the plants, plant product or other regulated articles described herein have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate official procedures and are considered to be free from the quarantine pests, specified by the importing contracting party and to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing contracting party including those for regulated non-quarantine pests. They are deemed to be practically free from other pests.		
II. ADDITIONAL DECLARATION		
PLEASE REFER TO ANNEXURE		
III. DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT		
10. Date: *****	11. Treatment: *****	12. Chemical (Active ingredient): *****
13. Duration and Temperature: *****	14. Concentration: *****	15. Additional Information: NONE *****
16. Place of Issue: CENTRAL OFFICE 18. Date: 06 May 2025		17. Name of Authorised Officer and Signature: I. Inspector - TEST EST

No financial liability with respect to this certificate is attached to the organization or department or to any of its officers or representatives.

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New developments

- A. Plant Health Act No.25 of 2025 Chapter 4, Section 14(3) (a) – certification
- B. Export Regulation drafted
- C. Export Regulation – out for public comments
- D. 1 October 2025 – No cash for frequent clients



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Citrus Markets Open to South Africa (2025 Season)

- European Union (EU)
 - United States (USA)
 - China
 - Japan
 - South Korea
 - Vietnam
 - Philippines
 - Thailand
 - Taiwan
 - India
 - Middle East (UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar)
- Phytosanitary Certificates issued – Last year
 - (2024) – 310 596 - Replacements – 3412
 - Phytosanitary certificates 2025 (1 January to 30 September 2025 – 266035
 - Replacements - 4590
- NB: No phytosanitary certificate required for citrus to United Kingdom***
- NB: Only when phyto is not appearing on traces can the NPPOZA be contacted***

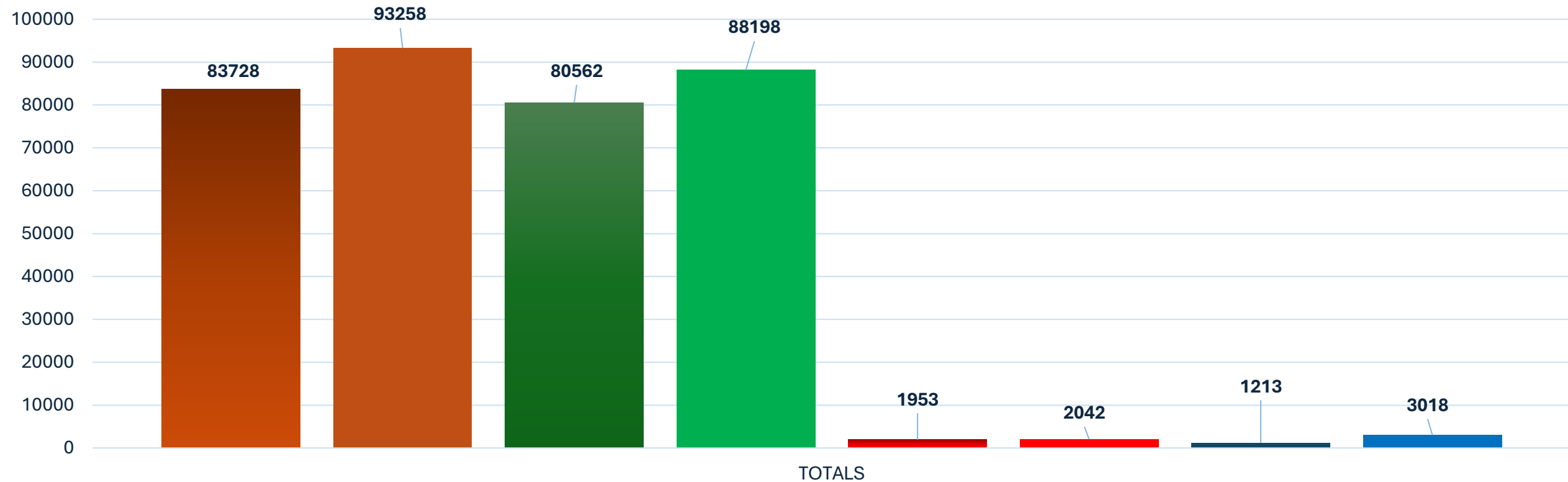


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Total overview 2024/2025 seasons



■ PROCESSED 2024 ■ PROCESSED 2025 ■ APPROVED 2024 ■ APPROVED 2025 ■ REJECTED 2024 ■ REJECTED 2025 ■ REPLACEMENTS 2024 ■ REPLACEMENTS 2025

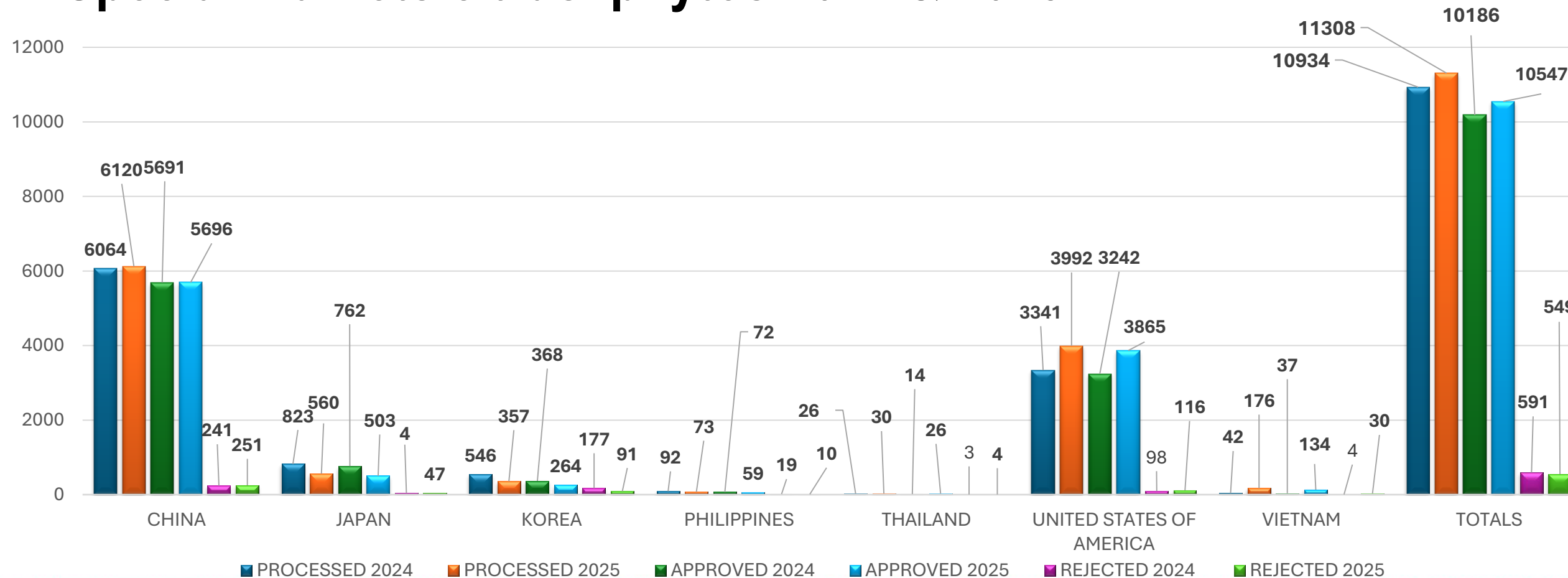


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Special markets citrus phytos 2024 & 2025



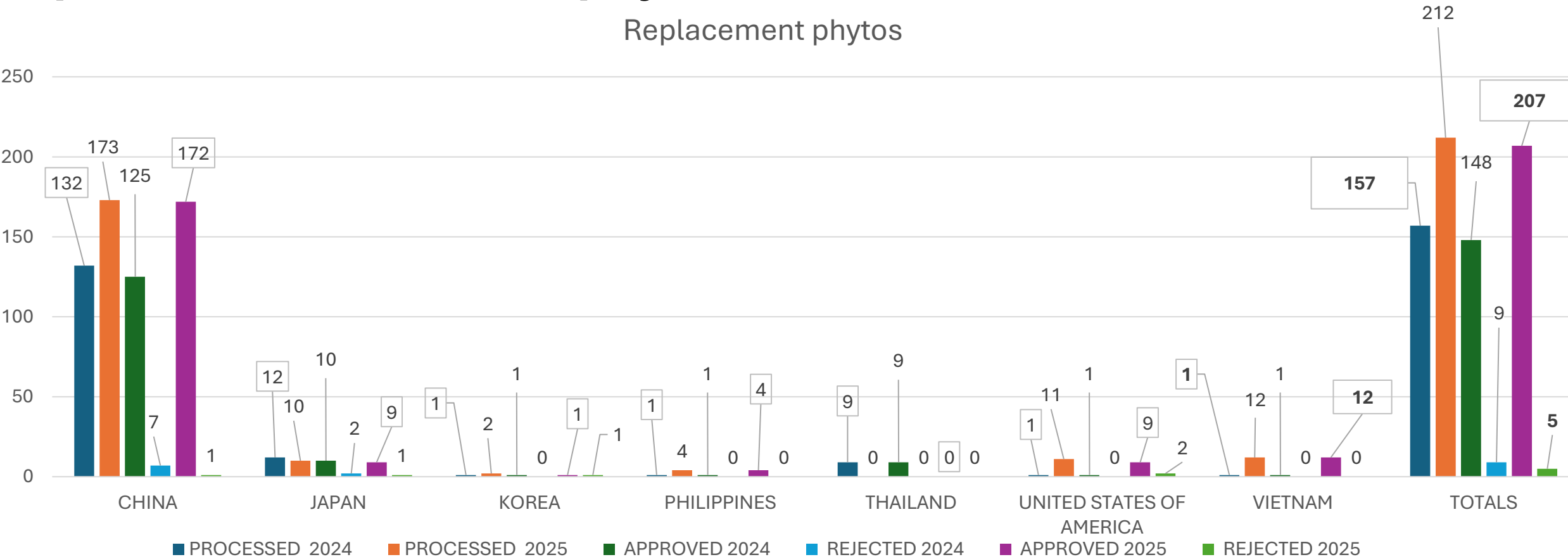
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Special markets citrus phytos 2024 & 2025

Replacement phytos

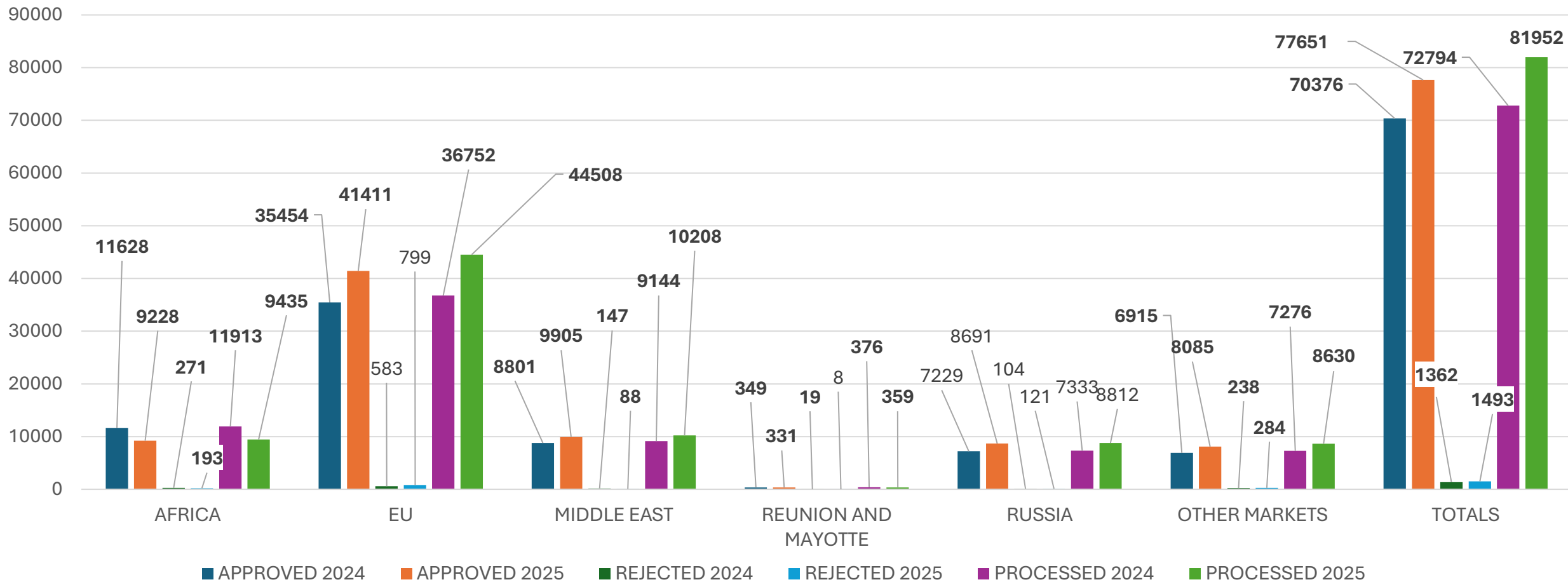


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Non-special markets phytos citrus 2025-2026



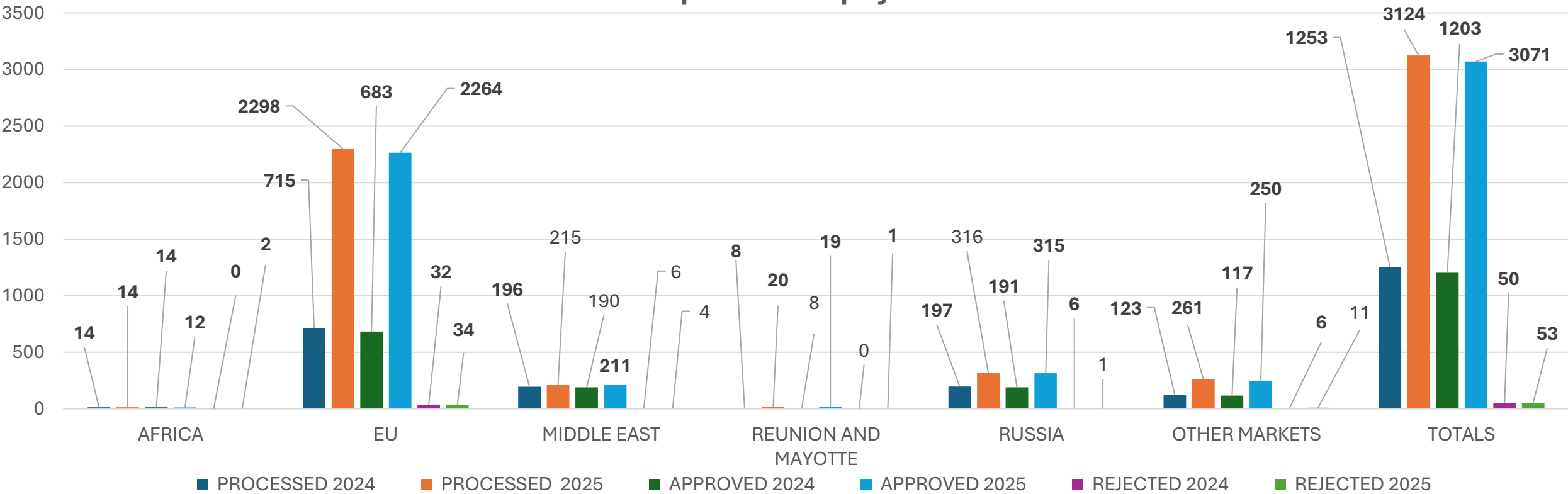
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Non-special market citrus phytos 2024 & 2025

Replacement phytos



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Major notifications on documentation

- Missing annexures/incorrect cold regimes (API misaligned)
- Phytos replaced due to switch in Reg 2025/505 vs Reg 2022/632
- Reunion Directive 2024/2025 (dispute over CBS free status on ADs)
- Phytos due to Invalid PUC (Phytoclean status changes while shipment on water)
- Border control Post not updated in line with Traces (Lithuania not receiving phytos)



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Challenges and Way Forward

No.	Challenges	Way Forward
1	Late Submissions / Dummy Submissions	Review and enforce the 5-day rule
2	Frequent request for Urgent release of phytos	Allocate one contact person to communicate urgent applications/ Observe 48hour turnaround time
3	Misaligned API Data / Updating TUM Data	Regular system audits by DoA and PPECB
4	Inaccurate capturing/Incorrect agreements / Missing supporting documents/letters of replacements	Continuous capacity building and refresher sessions for freight agents/ Engage SAAFF to organize forums
5	Inclusion of Non-Phytosanitary Information (Letters of Credit, Organic claims)	Develop clear guidelines to assist Freight Agents with correct application procedures and information requirements.



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Challenges and Way Forward Cont.....

No. Challenge	Way Forward
6 Switch from Reg 2022/632 to Reg 2025/505 requested by EU Member States	Strengthen communication protocols to ensure all stakeholders are informed of regulatory changes promptly.
7 Unofficial communication by Freight Agents with their counterparts	Communication is encouraged but DoA will only act on official communication upon validation
8 Reunion Directive 2024/2025 (disputing CBS-free status on ADs)	Strengthen collaboration with importing countries and maintain consistent communication to address regulatory disputes.
9 Floating consignments (Phytoclean status changes while shipment on water)	Exporters are encouraged to divert to less stringent markets
10 Failure to replace phytosanitary certificates leads to false reporting and statistics	Errors Made: Certificates needs to be replaced. Failure to comply will lead to detention. Implications on Traces
11 Ebilling Challenges	No Cash Service for Frequent clients/ No Bulk deposits will be allowed/Billing end of the month



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Conclusions

- Certification is a shared responsibility among all role players
- Each link in the chain impacts overall market access and reputation
- Together, we ensure compliant, safe, and efficient citrus exports for 2026 and beyond.



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