# 2026 EU Citrus Export – Information Session

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# Certifications Presentation

| CHALLENGES IMPACTING ON CERTIFICATION | REMEDIAL ACTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS |
|---|---|
| Replacement requests, ME conflict, Trade of fruit during transit | Limit replacement requests to justified phytosanitary reasons, subject to applicable procedures. |
| Forwarding agents hiding information of delisted PUC on the phyto | Freight forwarders must communicate with DoA regarding the floating shipments |
| Delisted PUC | Exporters should verify PUC and orchard eligibility on PhytClean before dispatch |
| TUM records are not updated promptly following pallet inspections at packhouses | Exporters must track their pallets progress at packhouse level, DoA will monitor and audit systems |
| Pallets not inspected for EU found in the exported consignments | Strengthen pallet traceability and promote TUM adoption by cold stores and packhouses |
| | |

| CHALLENGES IMPACTING ON CERTIFICATION | REMEDIAL ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS |
|---|---|
| Requests for Re-export clause | DoA observe the import requirements of the intended Re-export country |
| Rejections due to Incomplete, untranslated and invalid supporting documentation | Organize training workshop session with forwarding agents |
| Pallet information management system, Digital integration | Audit Packhouses and Cold stores to close gaps identified, Mandatory training for all users |
| Incorrect labels on cartons exported | Audit palletization and labelling processes, strengthen verification checks at packhouses |
| Backlogs and turnaround times | Total centralization |

## Conclusion

“The export value chain is only as strong as its weakest link.”

Our shared responsibility is to ensure that every link in the chain is strong, reliable and effective.

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# Special Markets Presentation

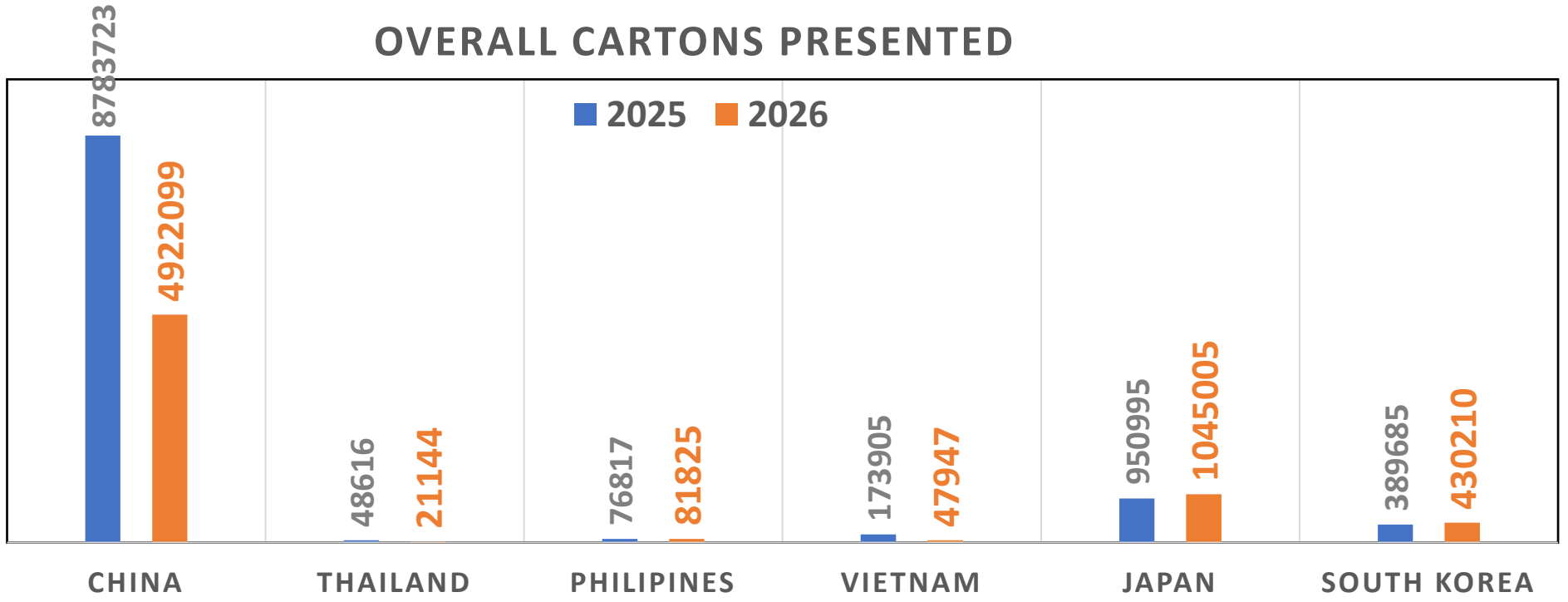
# 2026 citrus volumes per markets by inspection point

| Market | Inspection point | Volumes presented |
|---|---|---|
| **China** | Durban | 4550 951 cartons |
| | E. Cape | 188 612 cartons |
| | W. Cape | 138 456 cartons |
| | Inland – Gogo | 44 080 cartons |
| **Japan** | Durban | 1045 005 cartons |
| **Thailand** | Durban | 21144 cartons (only) |

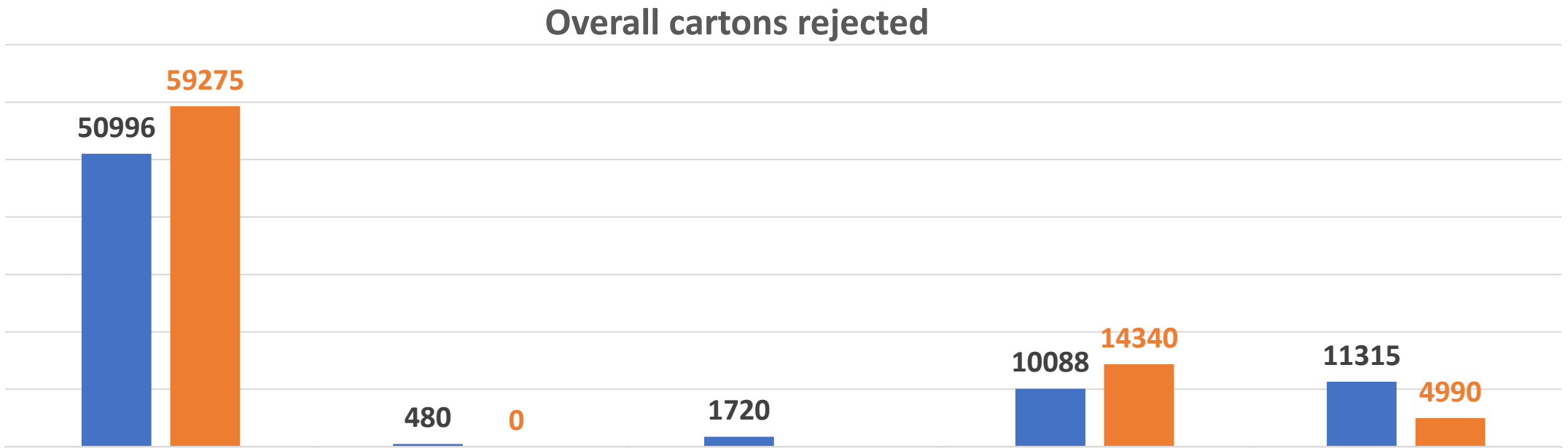
## 2026 volumes per market by inspection point continues….

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Vietnam** | E. Cape | 3835 cartons |
| | Durban | 41 187 cartons |
| | W. Cape | 2 925 |
| **Philippines** | E. Cape | 3715 cartons |
| | Durban | 78 650 cartons |
| **South Korea** | Durban | 430 210 cartons |

# Overall cartons presented 2025 & 2026



# Overall market rejections 2025 & 2026

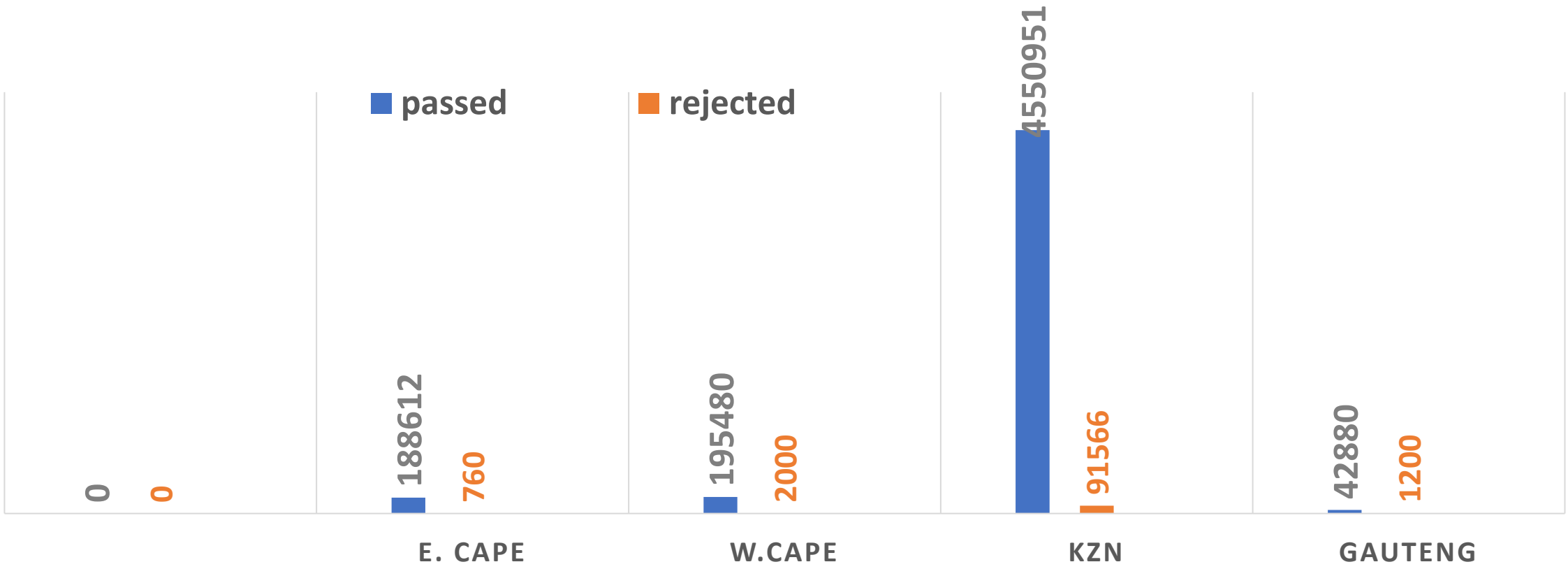



| | China | Thailand | Vietnam | Japan | South Korea |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2025 | 50996 | 480 | 1720 | 10088 | 11315 |
| 2026 | 59275 | 0 | | 14340 | 4990 |

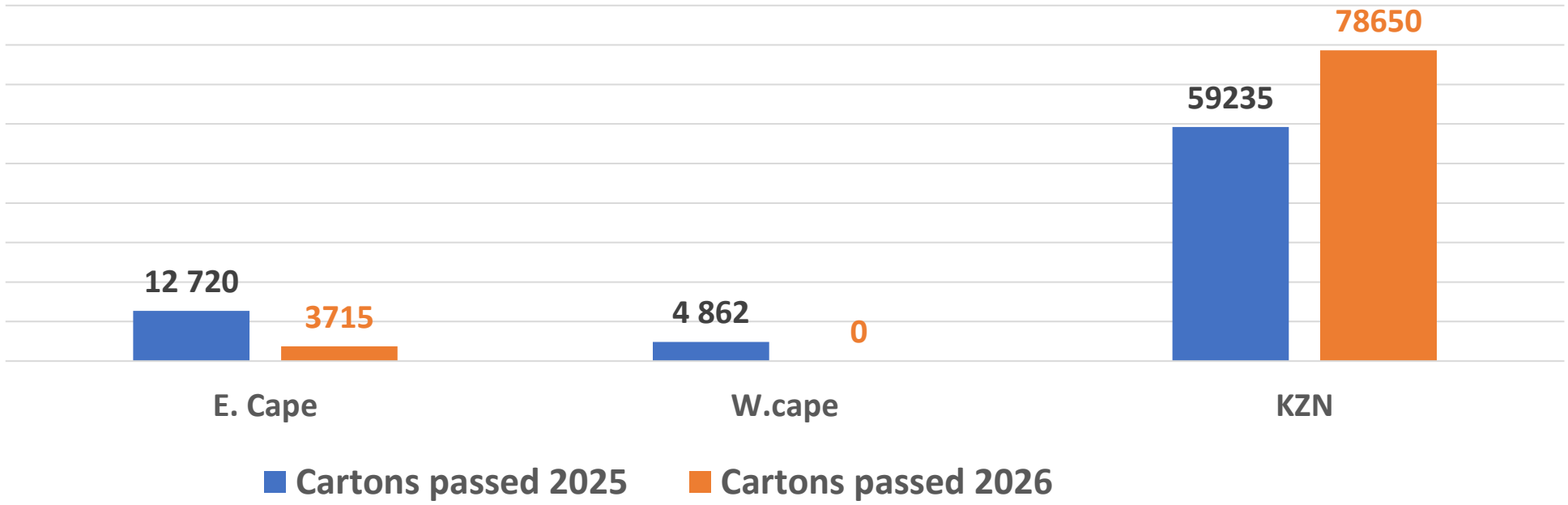
# Rejections reasons 2026

| | FCM | CBS | Mussel scale | Mealybugs | Documents & Markings |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **China** | 57390 | | | | 320 bins<br>6840 cartons |
| **Japan** | 12405 | 1590 | | | |
| **Vietnam** | 1425 | | | | |
| **South Korea** | - | | 2955 | 2035 | |

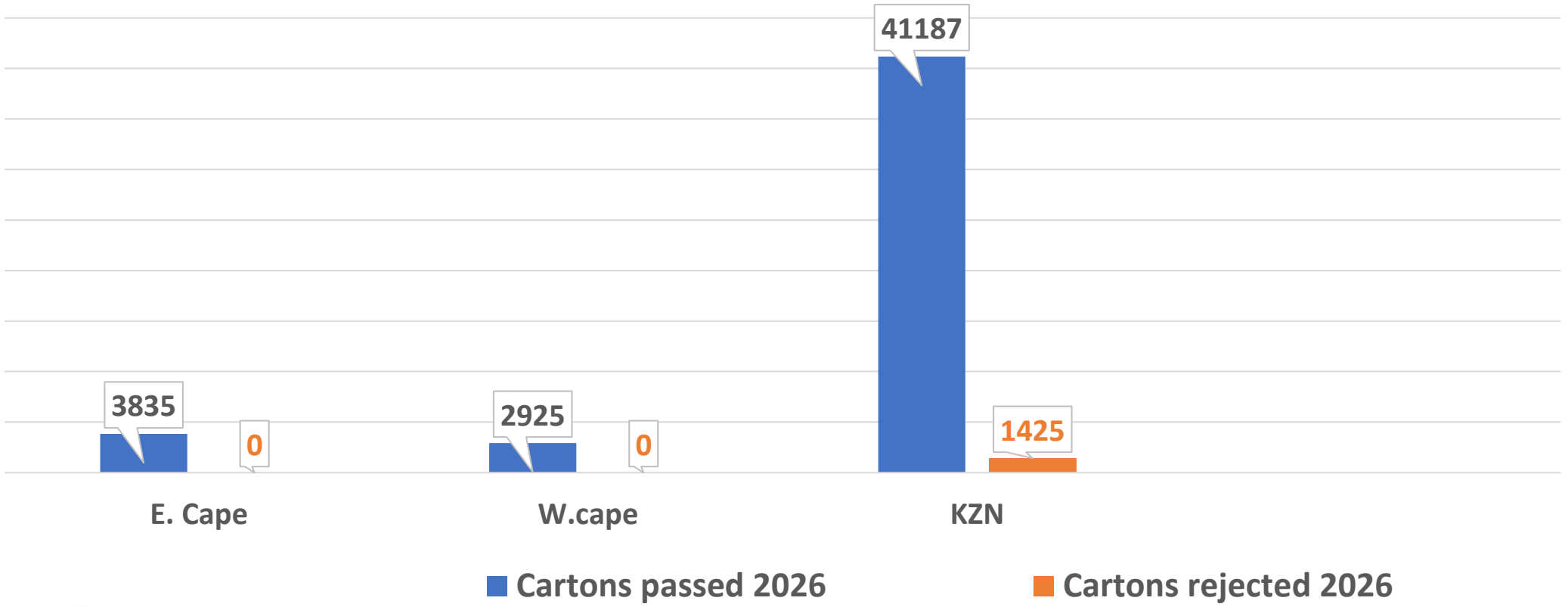
# CHINA


passed
rejected
0
0
188612
760
195480
2000
4550951
91566
42880
1200
E. CAPE
W.CAPE
KZN
GAUTENG

# Philippines…



# Vietnam…


41187
3835
0
2925
0
1425
E. Cape
W.cape
KZN
Cartons passed 2026
Cartons rejected 2026

# South Korea…

| | Cartons presented | Cartons passed | Cartons rejected |
|---|---|---|---|
| **2025** | 401000 | 389 685 | 11315 |
| **2026** | **425 220** | **399 280** | **4990** |

# Challenges and Recommendations…

| Challenges | Recommendation |
|---|---|
| Non verified PUC and block submitted for inspections. | Exporter confirm with producer during verification |
| Clients not familiar with protocols/import requirements for countries exporting to. | Role players ensure that they have copies of protocol |
| Consignment received with incorrect documentation | Packhouse to ensure that accompanying documents match with consignment |
| Re-use of cartons with faded marking requirements | Storage facilities be cleaned and free from moisture |

# Challenges and Recommendations continues…

| Late applications for inspection | Cold store /inspection point should apply 24 hours in advance |
|---|---|
| Cold stores not understanding/implementing e-inspect system. | Continuous training |
| Inspection points not ready for inspection | Apply only when fruits are in the chambers and improve schedule |
| Shortage of personnel to assist with inspection – draw samples | Inspection point should avail the personnel |

# USA CITRUS : PRE- CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

# RISK MANAGEMENT




| 3. Number and Description of Packages: 1300 CARTONS FRESH SOFT CITRUS | | 4. Distinguishing Marks: SEKU9000284 SEAL: FX40737876 |
|---|---|---|
| 5. Place of Origin: THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA | 6. Declared means of conveyance: MSC CARMEN UF619R | 7. Declared point of entry: PHILADELPHIA |
| 8. Name of Produce, Quantity declared and Purpose: SOFT CITRUS 19500.00 KG NETT / FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION | | 9. Botanical Name of Plants: *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 | | |
| THE CITRUS FRUIT IN THIS CONSIGNMENT WAS GROWN IN AND PACKED IN SOUTH AFRICA IN APHIS APPROVED CITRUS BLACK SPOT PEST FREE AREAS. | | |
| III. DISINFECTION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT | | |

- **WC & NC export to USA**
- **8 PUC's were suspended during 2026**
- **After 2 phytosanitary rejections the PUC gets suspended**
- **Running average:**

**21 days WC-20%**

**12 days NC-20%**

# RISK MANAGEMENT

Find text or tools

Category: Export audit Payment by: No payment

*Results*

| | Organisms detected | Remarks | Tariff |
|---|---|---|---|
| Insects | | | |
| Mites | | | |
| Bacteria | | | |
| Fungi | *None* | This sample received tested negative for Citrus Black Spot by means of PCR. | |
| Viruses | | | |
| Phytoplasmas | | | |
| Nematodes | | | |

*Authorisation*

Signed on behalf of Director:Inspection Services

14/08/2026
Date

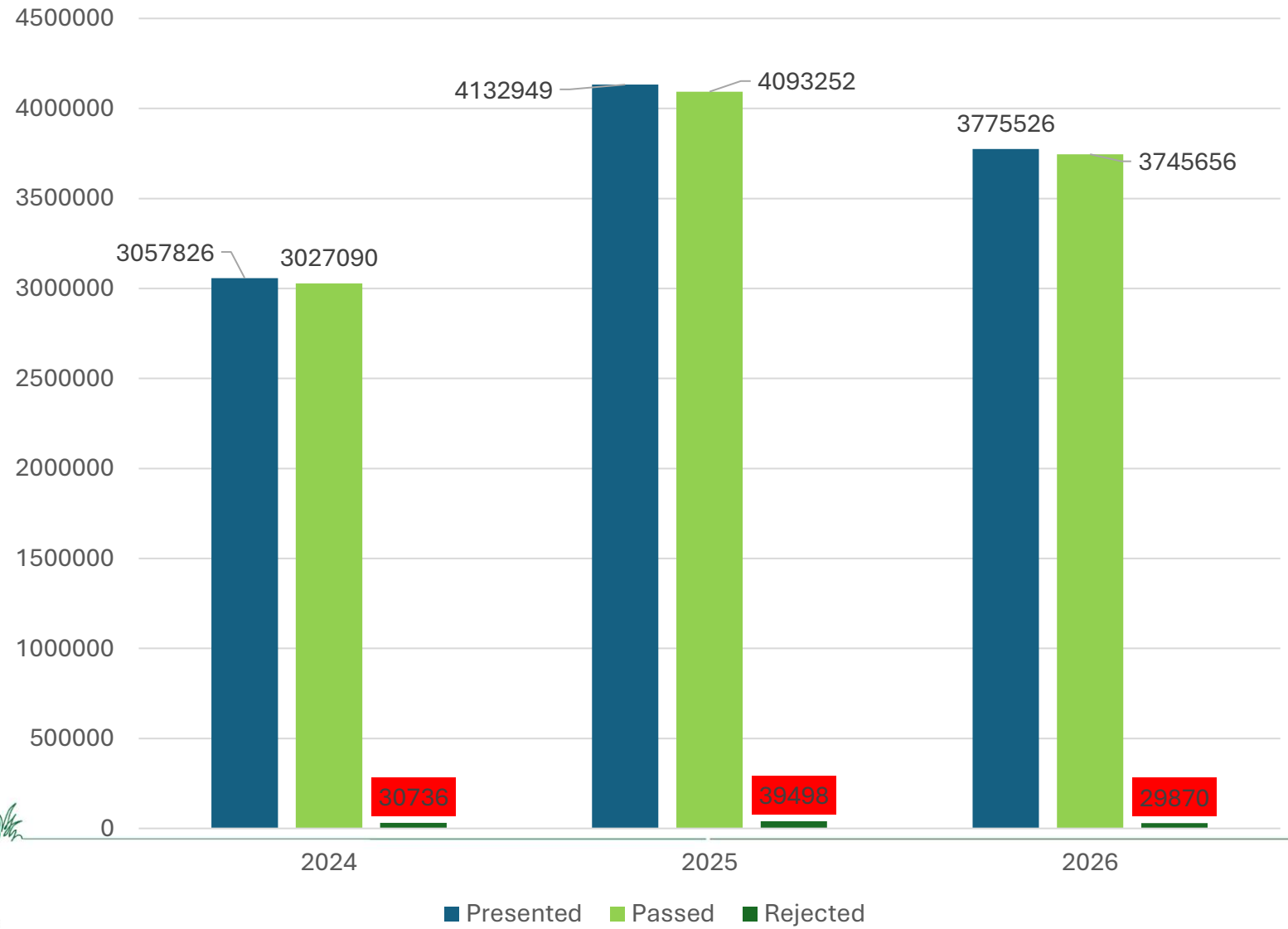
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# USA CITRUS REGISTERED INSPECTION POINTS

1. Belcon Maersk
2. CCS
3. CFC Richmond
4. CFC Killarney
5. SAFT Atlantic
6. SAFT Coldharvest
7. SAFT Killarney



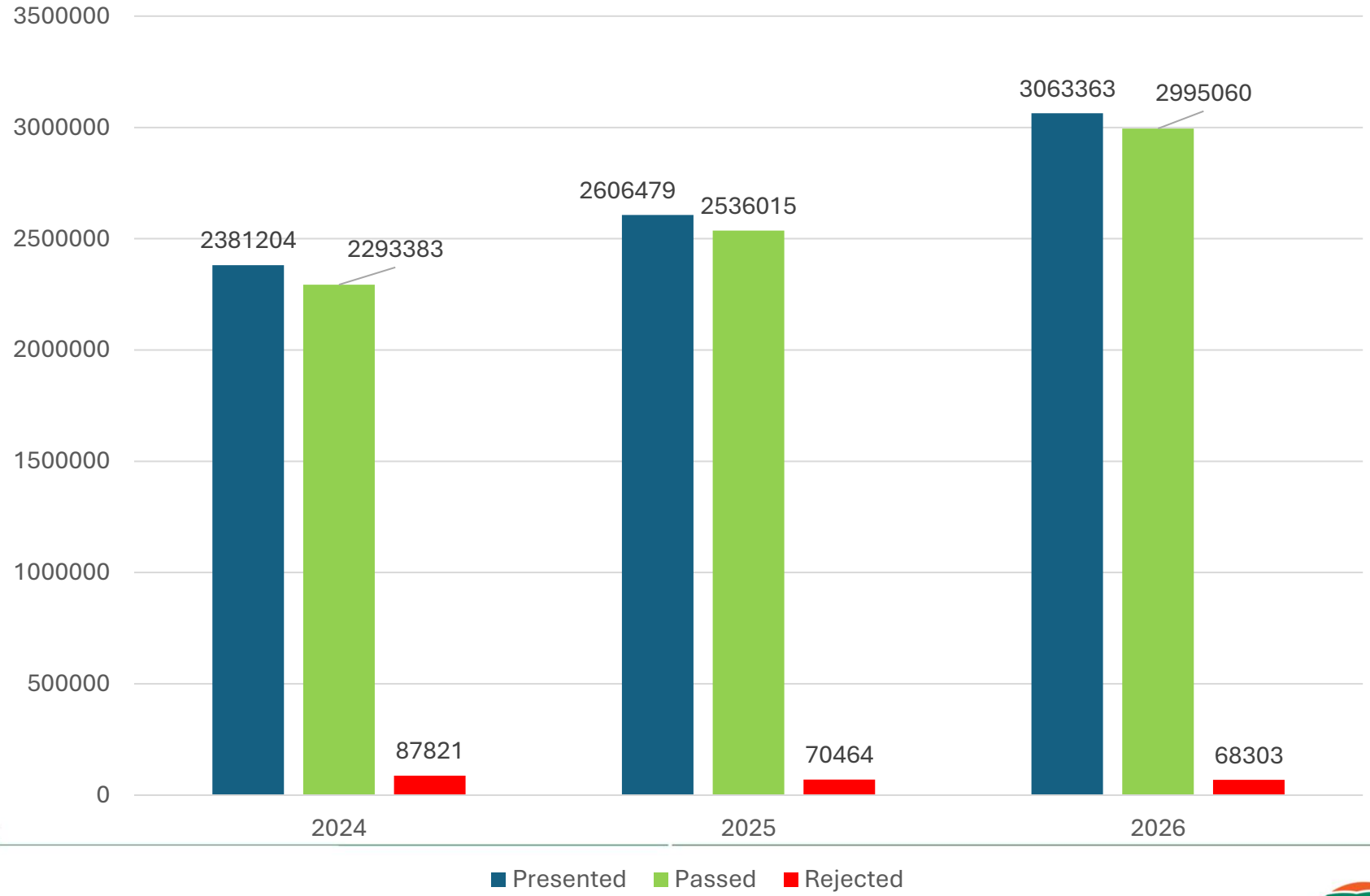
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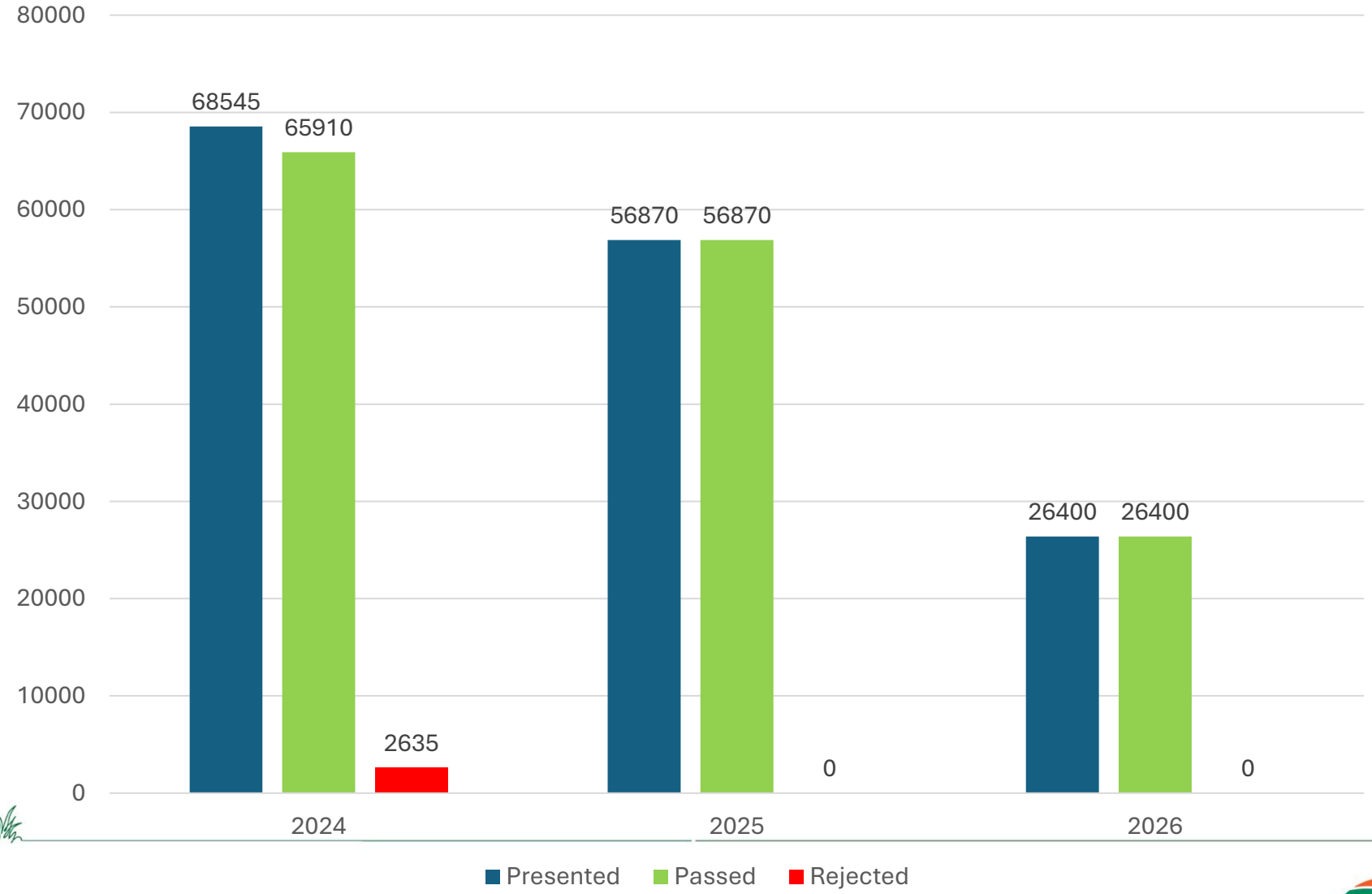
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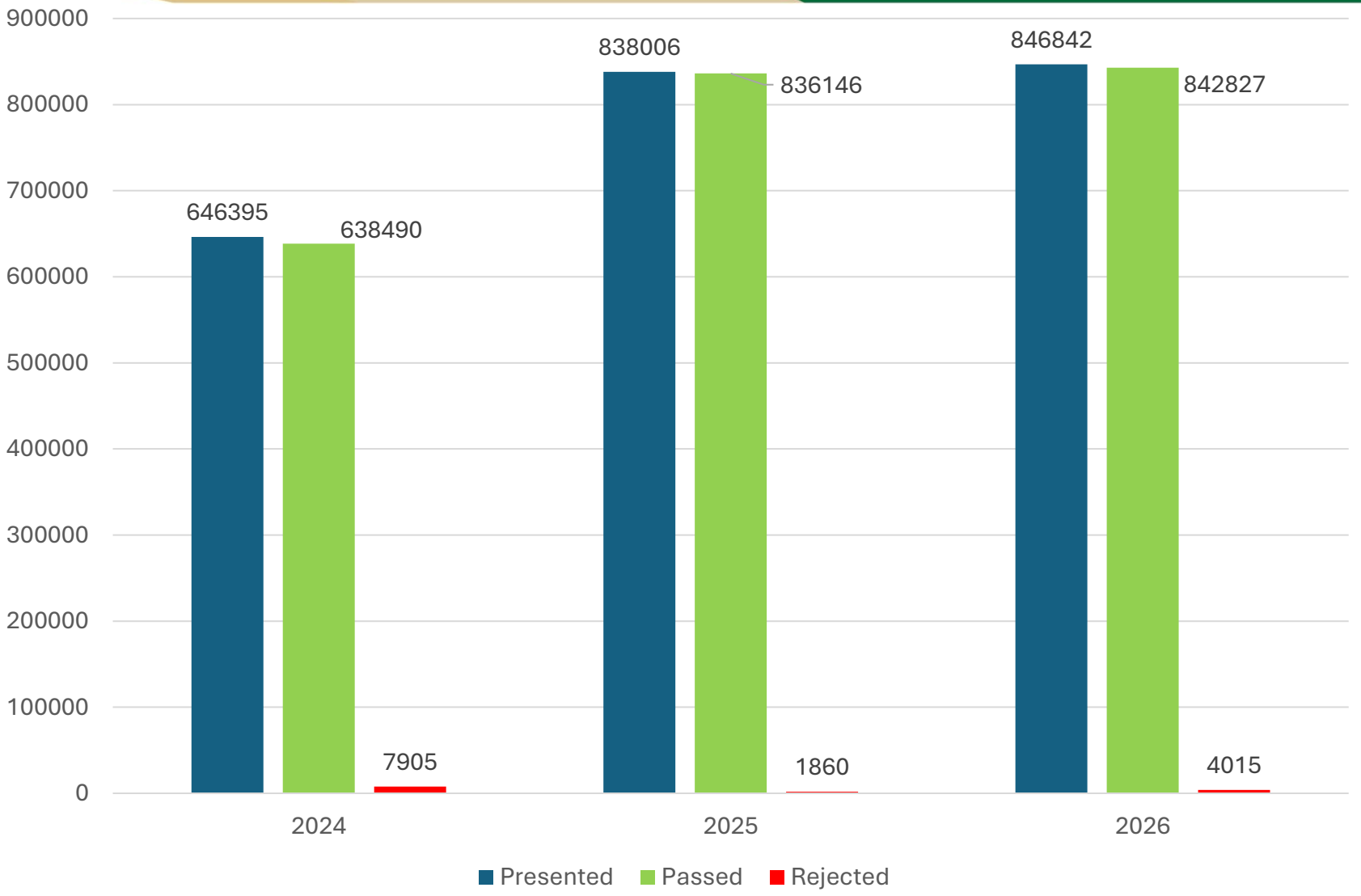
# LEMONS




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# GRAPEFRUIT


900000
800000
700000
600000
500000
400000
300000
200000
100000
0
646395
638490
7905
838006
836146
1860
846842
842827
4015
2024
2025
2026
Presented
Passed
Rejected

# REJECTION REASONS

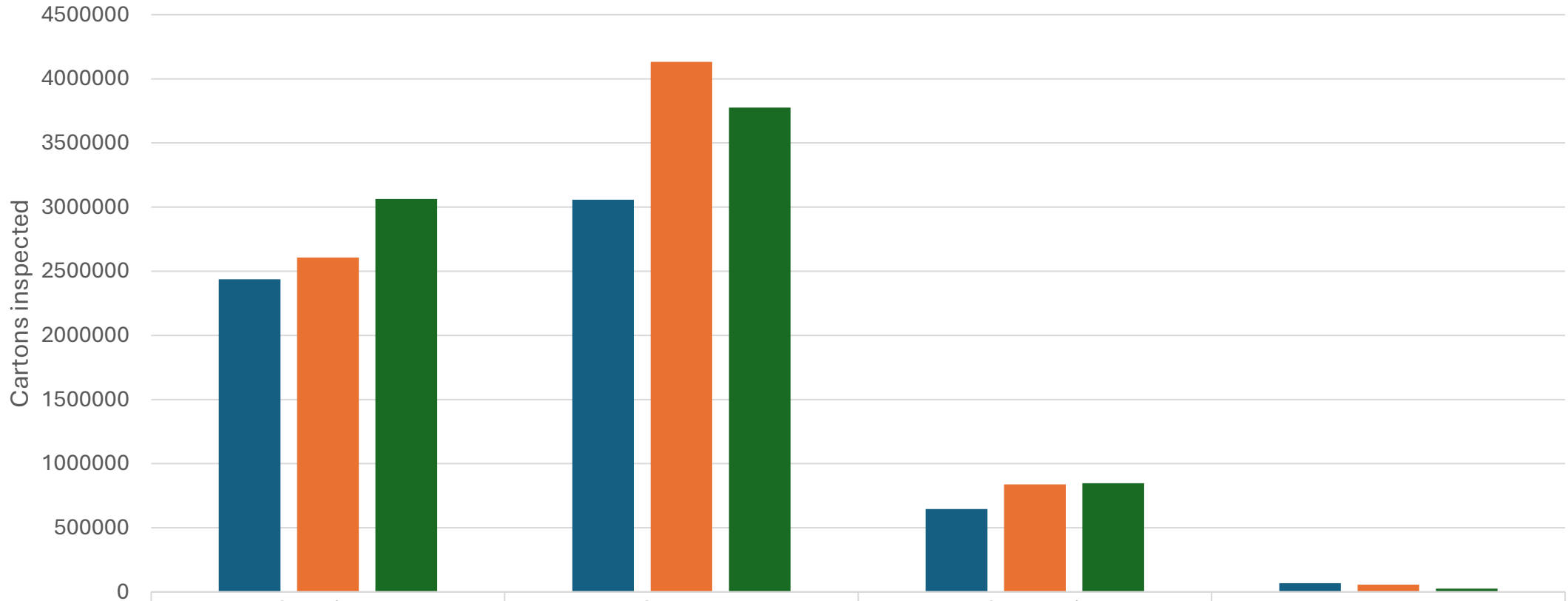
| | FRUIT FLY | FCM | MEALY BUG | | PENTATOMIDAE | LEPIDOPTERA | NON PHYTO REASONS | CLICK BEETLE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **WC** | CTNS | CTNS | CTNS | PLTS | CTNS | CTNS | CTNS | CTNS | CTNS |
| SC | 15225 | 4821 | | | | | 5776 | | 25822 |
| OR | 5026 | 11677 | 5660 | 77 | | | 1600 | 1600 | 25563 |
| GF | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| LE | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| **Boland** | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| SC | 20775 | 7156 | | | 624 | 1728 | 9806 | | 40089 |
| OR | | 1587 | | | | | 1280 | | 2867 |
| LE | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| **OR** | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| SC | | 2392 | | | | | | | 2392 |
| LE | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| GF | 1785 | 1100 | | | | | 1130 | | 4015 |
| | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| **NC** | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| OR | | 1440 | | | | | | | 1440 |
| **SC** | 36000 | 14369 | 0 | 0 | 624 | 1728 | 15582 | 0 | 68303 |
| **OR** | 5026 | 14704 | 5660 | 77 | 0 | 0 | 2880 | 1600 | 29870 |
| **GF** | 1785 | 1100 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1130 | 0 | 4015 |
| **LE** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| **Total** | **42811** | **30173** | **5660** | **77** | **624** | **1728** | **19592** | **1600** | **102188** |

| FRUIT FLY | FCM | MEALY BUG | PENTATOMIDAE | LEPIDOPTERA | NON PHYTO REASONS | CLICK BEETLE | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 41,9% | 29,5% | 5,5% | 0,6% | 1,7% | 19,2% | 1,6% | |

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# Commodity Comparisons




| | Soft citrus | Oranges | Grapefruit | Lemons |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2024 | 2437938 | 3057826 | 646395 | 68545 |
| 2025 | 2606479 | 4132949 | 838006 | 56870 |
| 2026 | 3063363 | 3775526 | 846842 | 26400 |

# CHALLENGES AND WAY FORWARD

| CHALLENGES | WAY FORWARD |
|---|---|
| Documentation and incorrect sampling interceptions at depot | Avoid documentation interception and incorrect sampling prior inspections |
| Applications for fruit that has not arrived at the depot | Apply for fruit on premises |

# EU Presentation

## TARGET AREA: MP, NW and LP

# 1. Overview of current export season

- Total of **24,327 orchards** verified and approved for export to the EU from CBS and Non-CBS Areas.
- To date a total of **860 orchards are rejected due to CBS** in both local and EU inspections.
- CBS orchard rejections increased by **10.7%, from 777 in the previous season to 860 in 2026**. Similarly, EU interceptions **increased from 17 to 23 cases to date**
- **Limpopo Province recorded the highest number of CBS** rejections in the EU and local.
- The **most rejected fruit types remained oranges** compared to the rest of the fruit types.
- While **lemons continued to be the most intercepted fruit type** in the European Union.
- **FCM interceptions** in the EU remain stable
- The current **Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/632 remains in force until 31 March 2028** while FMS and FFMS Regulations remain unchanged.

# 2. Positive highlights of the season:

- **Communication and cooperation** between inspectors and growers improved
- Most **growers implemented additional CBS risk mitigation** measures.
- Adequate **human and vehicle resources were available** throughout the season
- Officials demonstrated a **high level of commitment and dedication** during orchard inspection activities.
- The season experienced fewer operational challenges, including during orchard inspections. **incidents involving unethical PUC representatives and fewer weather-related disruptions**

## 3. CBS and FCM Report:
## {LP,MP & NW}

**CBS EU Interceptions**

- EU CBS interceptions increased slightly from 15 to 17 to date.

**Increased Local CBS Rejections**

- Local CBS rejections increased from 524 to 643, indicating higher disease pressure and detection rates.

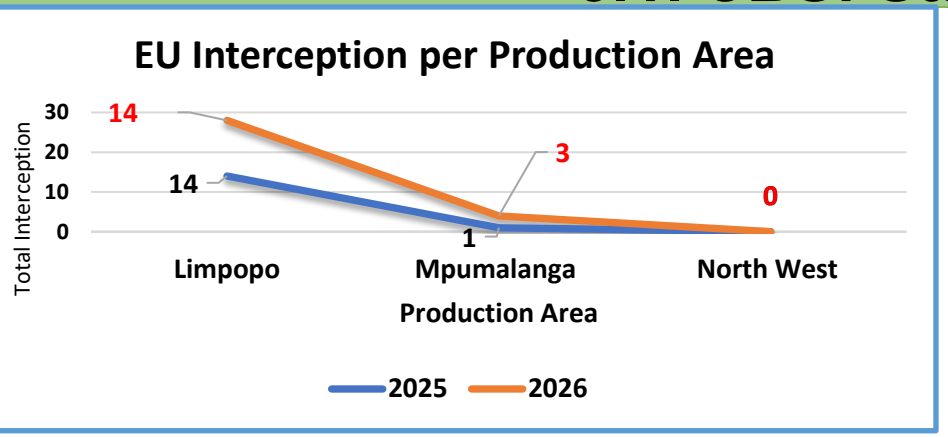
**Geographical Distribution**

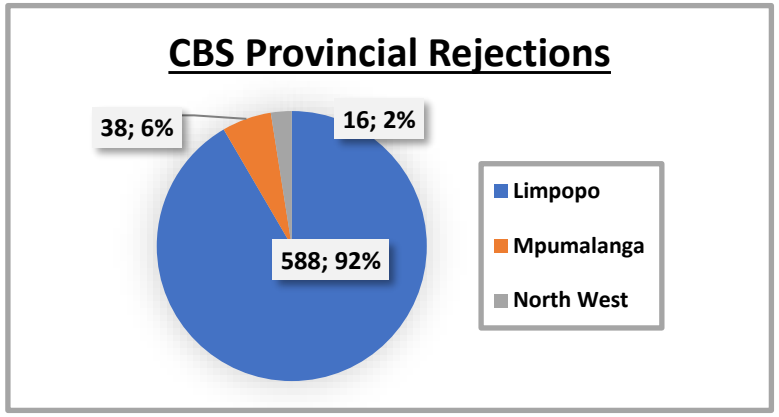
- Senwes area recorded the highest number of interceptions, followed by Letsitele and Hoedspruit.
- Mpumalanga reported two interceptions, which is unusual for the area.
- Levubu and Mokopane remain areas of concern due to their isolated production locations.

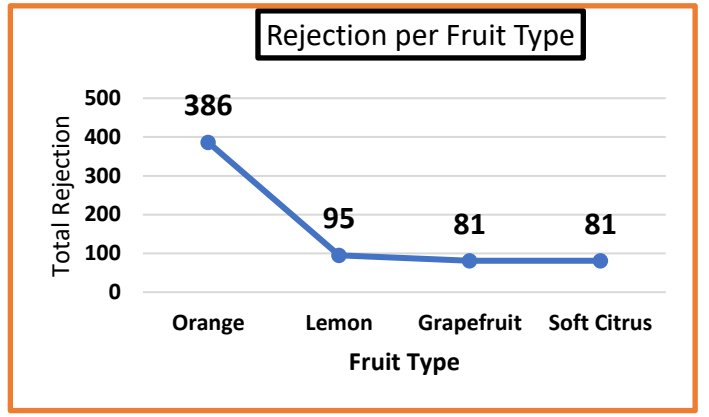
**Pest Management Successes**

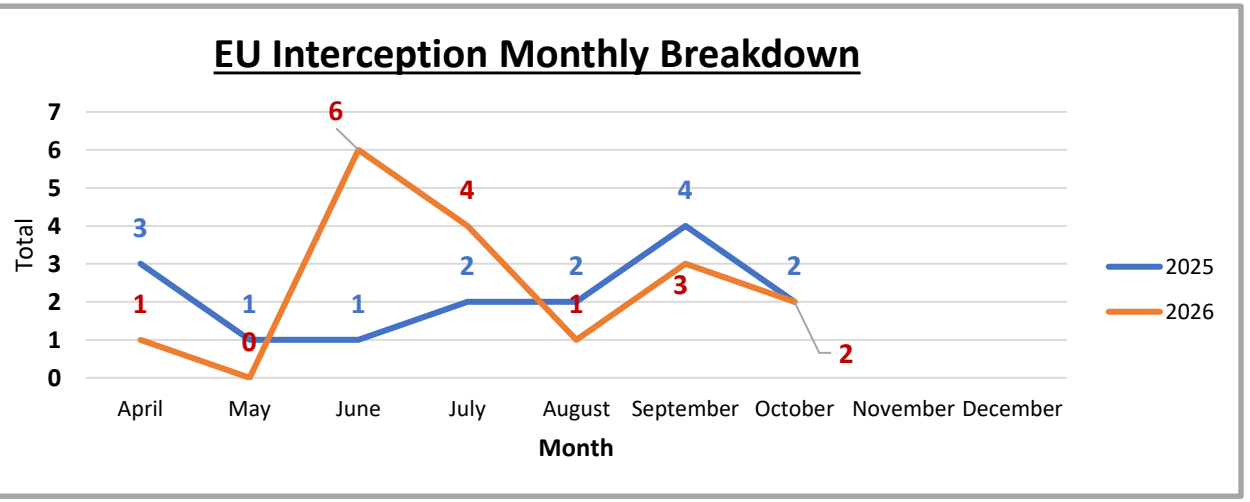
- Only one FCM interception was reported in the EU, originating from Mpumalanga grapefruit, highlighting strong FCM management performance.

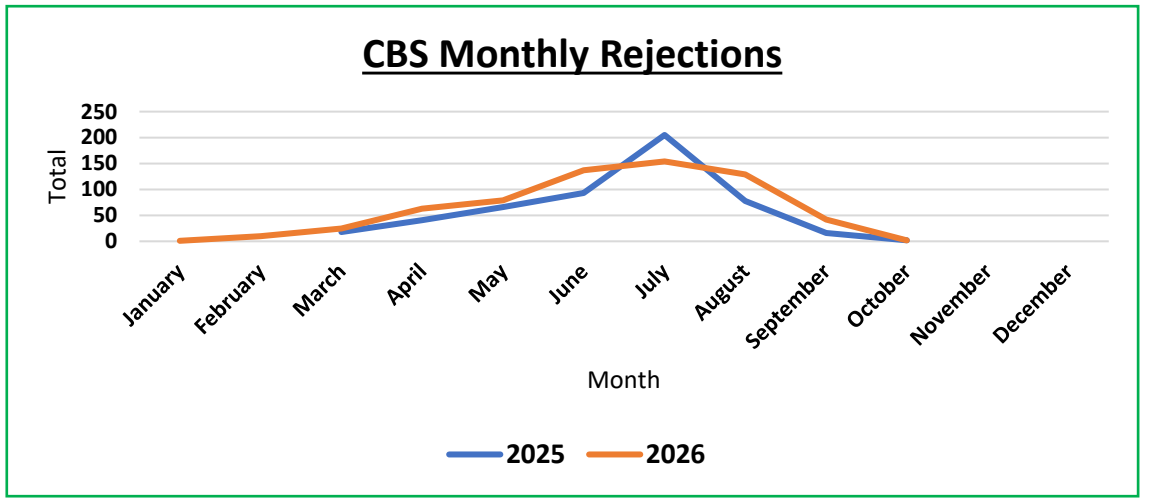
# 3.1. CBS: Statistical Report 2026 Seasons



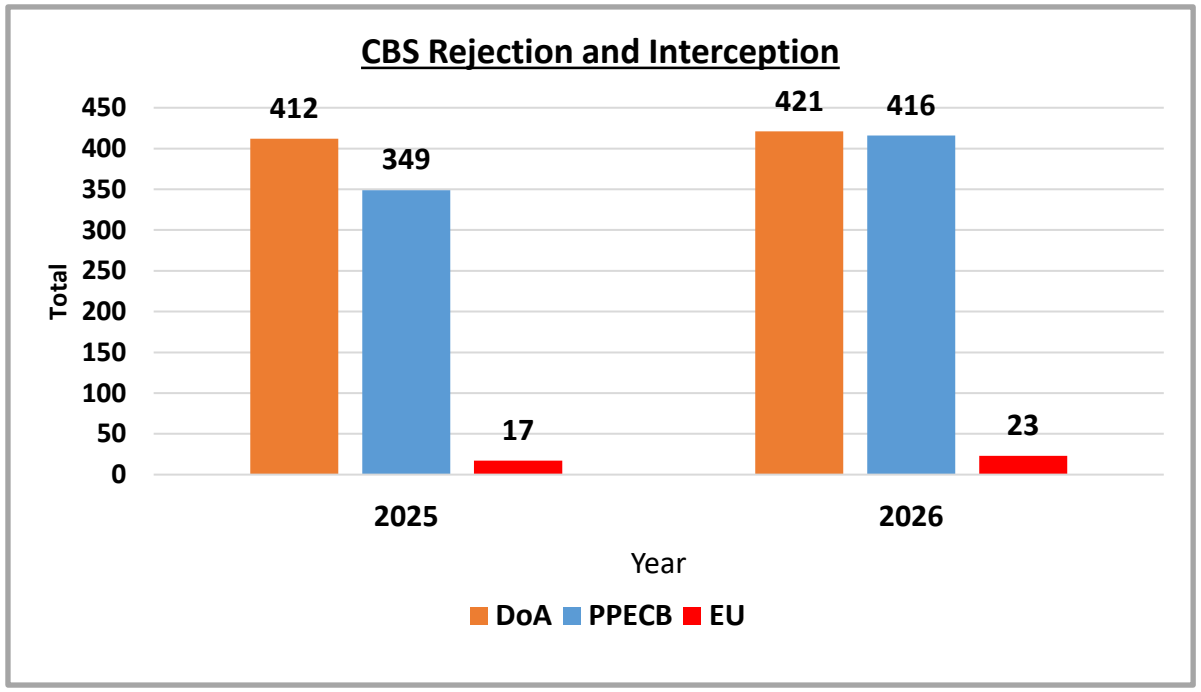



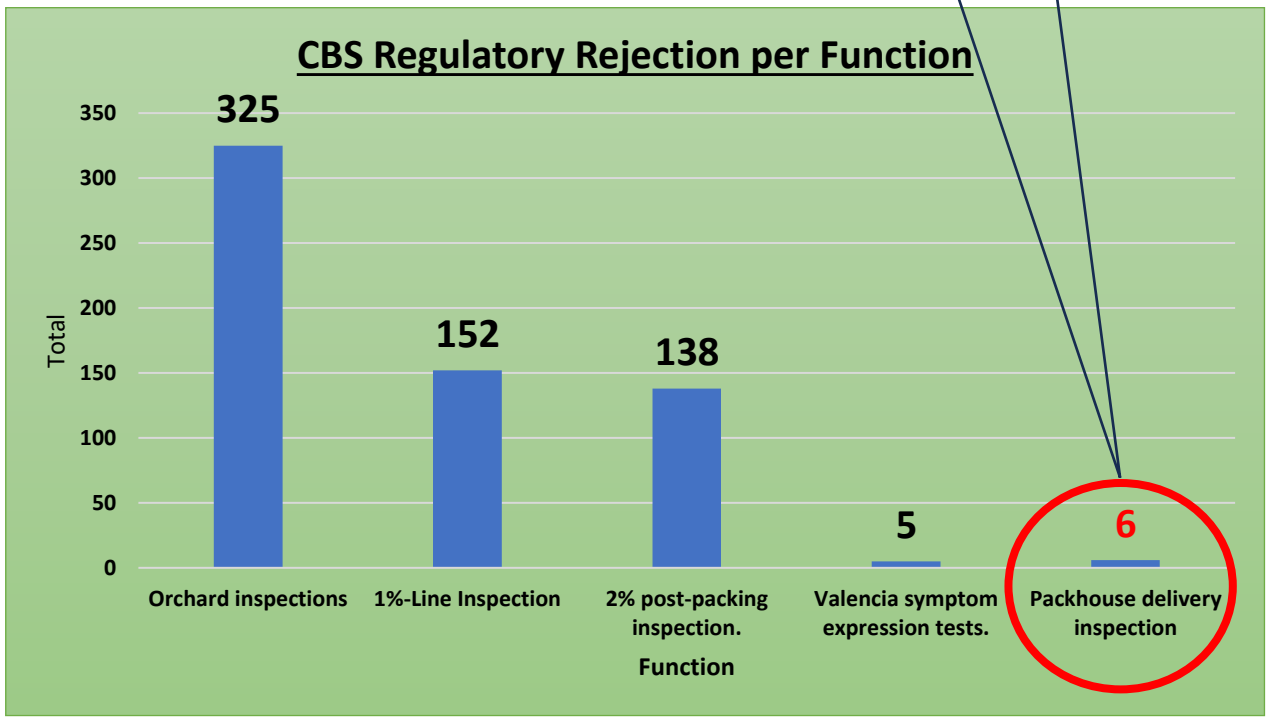

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# CBS: Statistical Report 2026 Seasons




Reported by PPECB during weekly audit



# 3.2. FCM Report

- One FCM interception was recorded on **grapefruit shipments from Hectorspruit.**
- The interception was notified by **France.**
- Joint investigations by **NPPOZA, PPECB and industry** confirmed that all prescribed **FMS pre-export requirements were fully complied with.**

# 4. Operational Challenge and Area for improvement

| Challenge Observed | Recommended Area for Improvement |
|---|---|
| Poor orchard demarcation in Limpopo, resulting in inspection delays and potential non-approval for EU exports. | Strengthen compliance through pre-season audits and stakeholder awareness. |
| Inconsistent interpretation of out-of-season fruit requirements during inspections. | Developing a standardized inspection guideline. |
| Ineffective Packhouse Delivery Inspection (PDI) | Strengthen PDI oversight and compliance audit for 2027. |
| Misinterpretation of orchard inspection invoices, resulting in disputes and delayed payments. | Improve stakeholder awareness of billing procedures. |
| Poor record keeping, including discrepancies in spray application and spray machine calibration records. | This will result in orchards/PUCs not being approved for EU export in 2027. |

# 5. ISPM 15 Report

- A significant improvement was recorded in wood packaging material compliance during the 2026 season.
- Only 16 ISPM 15 non-compliance cases were recorded at the packhouse, compared to 36 cases in 2025, representing a 55.6% reduction in rejections.
- On a positive note, no ISPM 15-related notifications or interceptions were received from EU during the 2026 season.




IPPC leaf not clear




Inclusion of DB

# ISPM 15 - AWARENESS

- The **DATE CODE (date of treatment)** must appear clearly on the pallet base.
- Pallets **bearing "DB" inside the ISPM 15 mark will be rejected** by both PPECB and DoA.
- All **pallets and dunnage must be fully compliant** with ISPM 15 requirements.
- For all enquires related to ISPM 15 contact National Coordinator: Mr. Leponti Molepo – LepontiM@nda.gov.za / 066 299 5275




**Not Approved Marking Code**




**Date Code Compulsory**

**Approved Marking Code**

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