PHYTOSANITARY REQUIREMENTS FOR EXPORT OF CITRUS FRUITS TO SPECIAL MARKETS



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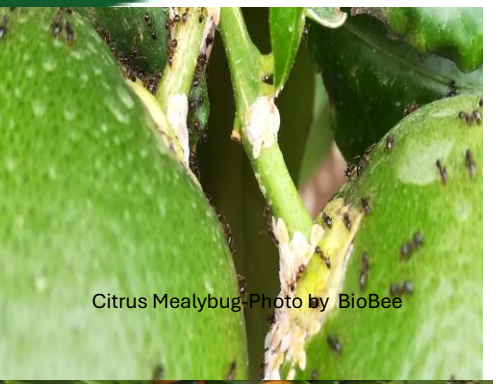
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INTRODUCTION



Citrus Mealybug-Photo by BioBee



FCM on Citrus-



Photo by Peter R. Stephen, CRI

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** to ensure compliance.

Systems approach: A pest risk management option that integrates different measures, at least two of which act independently as per International Standards of Phytosanitary Measures (ISPM), ISPM 05 **&** ISPM 14

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 & Post harvest 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 & Post harvest Cold treatment
South Korea	Sweet Oranges, Lemons & Grapefruit	All Provinces of SA	Mealybugs,Medfly, Natal fly, Scales, FCM, Thrips & Mites	Systems approach & Post harvest Cold treatment
EU	All Citrus types	All Provinces of SA	CBS, FF, FCM	Systems approach &Post harvest Chemical treatment
Philippines	Sweet Oranges, Lemons, Mandarins, & Grapefruit	All Provinces of SA	Scales, Medfly, Natal fly, FCM, Mealybugs, Carob moth & Fuller's rose weevil,	Systems approach & Post harvest Cold treatment

APPROVED SPECIAL MARKETS REQUIREMENTS CONTIN...

Country	Citrus type	Provinces/districts/	Pest of concern	Mitigation measures
Vietnam	Sweet Oranges	All Provinces of SA	Medfly, Natal fruit fly *FCM,* Bacterial canker & Oleander scale	Systems approach & Post harvest 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 & Post harvest 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 & Post harvest Cold treatment

APPROVED SPECIAL MARKETS REQUIREMENTS CONTIN….

Other requirements

- Use of FBO allocated codes by DFSQA.
- EU directive refers to regulations 2022/632 & 2019/2072
- USA and Japan, pre-clearance programme,
- South Korea provided dispensations for 3 years 2026-2028 on 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
- Mixing of different Citrus types in a break bulk vessels for USA is currently approved
- Comply with Federal Register No. 319.56 (CFR 7 Part 319.56) for USA

Link to access information as follows:

- 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/

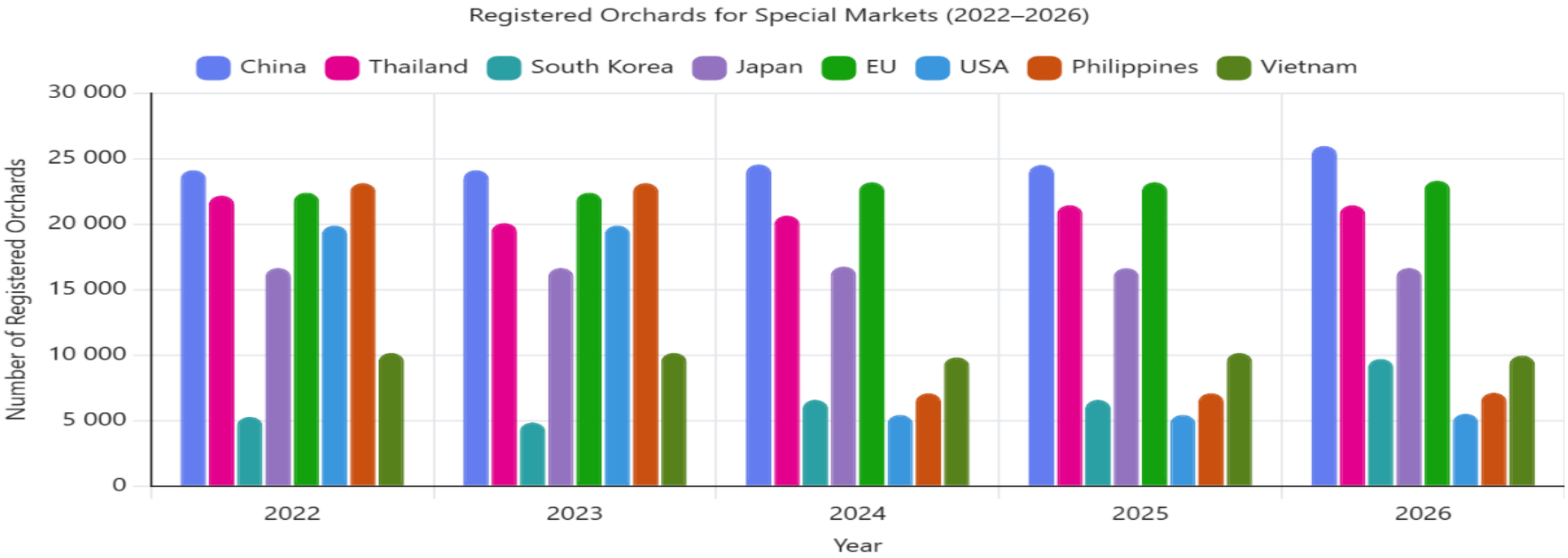
REGISTERED PUC's PER MARKET FOR THE PAST 5 SEASONS



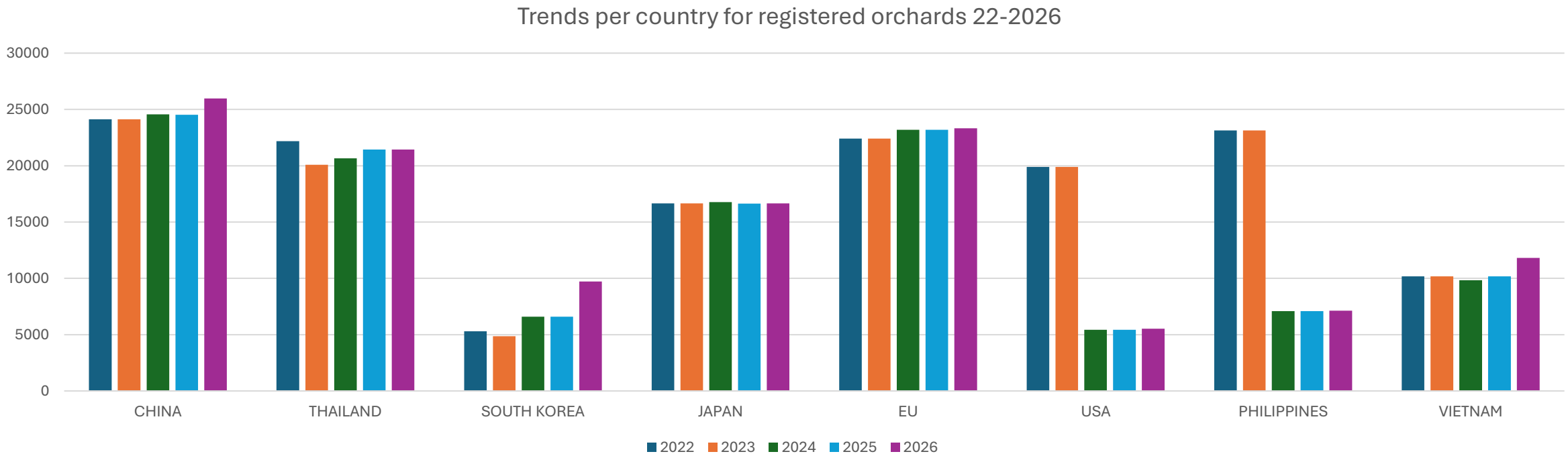
REGISTERED PHC's PER MARKET FOR THE PAST 5 SEASONS



DISTRIBUTION OF REGISTERED ORCHARDS PER PAST 5 SEASONS



TRENDS OF REGISTERED ORCHARDS/COUNTRY/ FOR PAST 5 SEASONS



Challenges and Way forward

Challenges

- Non verifiable orchards \ PUCs information not appear as in the FBO profile,
- Late registrations (orchards, PUCs and of new inspection points),
- Numerous refunds were processed for overpayments and wrong deposit to DPH account.

Way forward

- Parties should ensure that the data is accurate to avoid exclusion of orchards/PUCs in the database,
- Parties should abide by due date to avoid exclusion in the export,
- Pay the exact amount to avoid need for refunds, which impact the Department ‘s audit.

Non compliances could lead to:
Exclusion to Potential market access

DATES FOR REGISTRATION FOR 2026/27 EXPORT SEASON

- Online Phytosanitary registration from 02-30 November **2026**
- Verification of information by growers will be On Agriops, Jan-Feb 2027.
- 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 2027** (Except South Korea, Vietnam, China, Philippines and USA pending approval).

TARIFF PER PUC/ PHC/ IP PER MARKET

- 2026-2027 season tariff payment is R160.00

Banking details are as follows:

Bank: **STANDARD BANK**

Branch: **Arcadia**

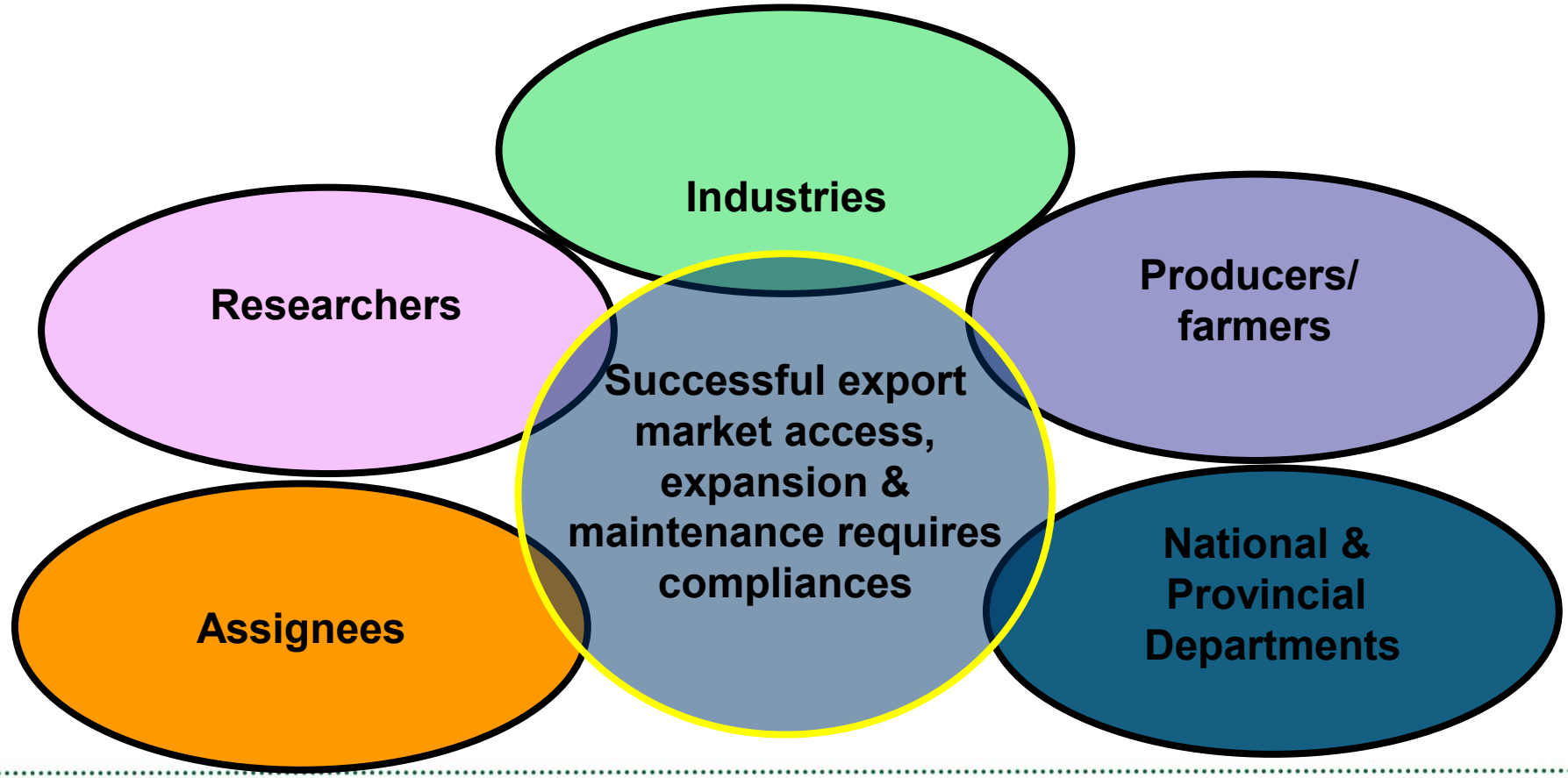
Branch No: **010274189**

Account No: **05-10-01**

Account Name: **DoA Plant health**

Reference: **PUC/PHC/IP name**

Conclusion


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Successful export market access, expansion & maintenance requires compliances
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