



Citrus Logistics Forum

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Theme "Strategic outlook on shipping, logistics & infrastructure aligned to volume growth"

Foreword

This year's annual session will consider the strategic outlook of shipping, logistic and infrastructure aligned to expected volume growth from 122 million cartons in 2017 to the projected 166 million cartons by 2020-2022 (36% increase). The volume projection is aligned to the number of hectares of citrus planted across the country in recent years - one in four hectares (25%) of citrus orchards are still yet to come into production (being orchards of age less than four years). Citrus exporters, logistics service providers, cold storage facilities, terminals and shipping lines need to consider available capacity and equipment needs aligned to the projected growth in export volume. Strategies and investments will need to be considered.

Speakers –

1. Mitchell Brooke from the Citrus Growers Association (CGA) will present the 2018 export production estimates with projected volumes for next 3-5 years with the projected outlook on transport, cold storage capacity and container equipment demands aligned to the projected growth. He will also make representations on strategic logistics and shipping developments.
2. Lorraine da Fonseca from Transnet Port Terminals (TPT) will present on the terminals development and operational outlook aligned to citrus [fruit] exports.
3. Loven Naidoo from Transnet Freight Rail (TFR) will present on the future development and investment plans to increase the railing of [citrus] reefer containers from the hinterland to ports for export.
4. Dr Paul Cronje from Citrus Research International (CRI) will present on the requirements of the False Codling Moth Management System (FMS) as well as present on cold chain monitoring and research aligned to the FMS.
5. Rory Netteville from Zest Fruit will provide feedback on the Phytclean program and lessons learnt thus far from an exporter's perspective on the FMS.
6. Werner van Rooyen from the Fresh Produce Exporters Forum (FPEF) will provide feedback on the requirements to comply with carton weigh verification and road regulations in the Russian market.
7. Vijan Chetty from the Perishable Products Export Control Board (PPECB) will provide feedback on the challenges on the 2017 citrus export season with an outlook on requirements for the 2018 season.
8. Dave Watts and Mike Walwyn from the South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF) will give an update on 1) the status of the transport regulation governing the transportation of High Cube ISO containers, 2) the Port Regulators Tariff Strategy and (PRSA) Port Tariff Incentive Program, and 3) provide insight to the implementation and requirements of the Customs Act.

Following, there will also be an opportunity for stakeholders to raise other important matters.