

Tuesday, 07 April 2020

CITRUS SECTOR ESSENTIAL SERVICE STATUS

ATTENTION: Traffic Police
South African Defence Force
South African Police Service
Relevant Authorities

Dear Madam/Sir

In accordance with regulation Government Gazette (Notice 11062 published on 25th March 2020 as amended) introduced to curb the spread of COVID-19 in South Africa, this letter hereby confirms that the citrus industry has been deemed to fall into the food sector, which under the COVID-19 Regulation is defined as an Essential Service.

Under these conditions, the movement of citrus products (oranges, lemons, grapefruit and soft citrus, etc.) is permitted from farms to markets and ports. Furthermore, all input supplies and services are permitted, including:

- packaging material,
- provision of consumables (e.g. labelling stickers, sanitizers, chemicals, fertilizers, fuel),
- extension services and farm services,
- repairs for machinery and equipment,
- irrigation services,
- official quality and product inspections (i.e. by Perishable Product Exports Control Board and Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development).
- Labour on farms and in packhouses is also permitted to work and may be transported in order to be as work.

Businesses have been advised to carry appropriate documentation to identify themselves as citrus businesses working in the citrus sector, and to be able to identify and demonstrate the people and goods they are transporting for the purposes of agricultural activities.

Should you have any queries please direct these to Citrus Growers Association of Southern Africa (CGA) on 031 765 2514. The CGA itself has also been registered as an essential service under the Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC) – see attached.

Your Sincerely



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