



## CONSUMER ASSURANCE UPDATE

### Update on SIZA

Significant progress has been made during the last six months in the development and implementation of the Sustainability Initiative of South Africa (SIZA). The most notable milestones are:

- Fruit SA has become an AB-Member of SEDEX which means that all fruit growers in South Africa (including CGA members) that are members of SIZA will have their data automatically uploaded onto SEDEX. This means you only have to load your data up once on the SIZA system and it will be visible to both UK retailers (those retailers using SEDEX) and EU mainland-retailers (following BSCI). The SIZA self-assessment questionnaire is also tailored for SA fruit producers so data capture is simpler. In order to have all your historic data moved under the Fruit SA AB-membership on SEDEX, SEDEX requires growers to notify them in writing of this. CGA have copies of the form to be completed to get this process going.

- The recognition of SIZA continues to grow among retailers, governments and stakeholders. Colleen Chennells has secured significant financial support for SIZA (approximately R3m over the next three years) to help with capacity building and implementation across the supply chain.

The SIZA team are going to hold a number of information workshops around the country and growers are invited to attend at no cost. The agenda covers: Overview of the SIZA, SIZA Membership and benefits, SIZA Registration process, SIZA / Sedex arrangement, SIZA Capacity-building programme and support for growers, and general queries. The dates and venues for these workshops are as follows:

### FRUIT SOUTH AFRICA / SIZA INFORMATION WORKSHOPS

Date	Place, Province	Venue	Time
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Paarl, WC	Windmeul Wynkelder (021-869 8043)	10 – 12 noon
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Tzaneen, LP	Westfalia Training Centre (015-309 0000)	14.30 – 16.30
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Hoedspruit, LP	Swadini Resort (015-795 5141)	10 – 12 noon
24 <sup>th</sup> April	Nelspruit, MP	Halls Training Centre (013-753 5700)	10 – 12 noon
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Kirkwood, EC	Kirkwood Ondersteuners Klub (072 264 5468)	10 – 12 noon
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Ceres, WC	Ceres Fruit Growers (CFG) Lesings Saal (023-316 9419)	10 – 12 noon
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Kakamas, NC	Lake Grappa, Kakamas (082 978 3949)	14.30. – 16.30

Colleen Chennells is the person setting up the workshops and can be contacted via email: [chennell@iafrica.com](mailto:chennell@iafrica.com)



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## Update on Confronting Climate Change Project

**Carbon Footprint Reports:** The 2012 Confronting Climate Change Citrus Fruit Industry Report was released last week. The report reflects data from growers completing their carbon footprint exercise during 2012 – only 31 approved data points. Fortunately a very positive response to workshops and benchmarking initiatives in

2013 means the number of data points has grown significantly, but it remains a concern that few data points are coming from the Northern growing regions. Workshops in these regions are planned for later in the year (see table below). The 2012 report is available from Paul Hardman ([ph@cga.co.za](mailto:ph@cga.co.za)) or off the CGA website under the Members section ([www.cga.co.za](http://www.cga.co.za)).

**Confronting Climate Change Workshop Dates**

Date	Region	Hosting town
16 April	Helderberg/Berg River	Stellenbosch
8 May	Hex River	De Doorns
14 May	Groenland	Villiersdorp
16 May	Ceres	Ceres
21 May	Orange River	Kakamas
22 May	Orange River	Upington
5 June	W.Coast	Trawal
20 August	Langkloof	Joubertina
21 August	Klein Karoo	Barrydale
3 October	Cederberg	Citrusdal
8 October	Central Limpopo	Groblersdal
9 October	Northern Limpopo	Tzaneen
10 October	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit
22 October	KZN	Eshowe

**IDC Green Fund:** Through the IDC Green Fund, the Industrial Development Corporation and the German Development Bank are making R500 million facility available for energy-efficiency and self-use renewable energy initiatives. IDC will be presenting a workshop on the 17<sup>th</sup> April from 10:00 to 12:00 at Grande Roche in Paarl (in the Vineyard conference room) on the programme. To find out more contact Shelley Fuller [www.climatefruitandwine.co.za](http://www.climatefruitandwine.co.za).

### Indonesia Market Requirements

South Africa and many other exporting countries are having considerable difficulty accessing the Indonesian market at present. The general view is that importing requirements have been deliberately introduced in order to reduce competition for local fruit and vegetable producers. CGA, Hortgro Science and DAFF are working to try to improve the situation but progress has been slow. There are two existing problems and a third new problem that SA stakeholders need to be aware of which are discussed in turn here:

- **Application for recognition of SA's Food Safety Control System:** In May 2010 and again in March 2012 South Africa submitted applications to have the SA Food Safety Control System recognized by the Indonesian authorities in line with regulations/decrees No. 27/2009, No. 88/2011 and No.38/2009 and in order to reduce the cost, logistics problems and administrative burden associated with fruit exported to Indonesia without recognition is in place. Examples of the burden are additional residue testing and application of the Indonesian Standard Operating Procedure, and the need for certification from the South African SGS office for each consignment. After repeated follow-ups communication was received from Indonesia in January 2013 indicating Indonesian authorities were working through the application but additional information was required. This required information was submitted. DAFF continue to follow up but no new information on how the application is progressing is available.



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- **Prohibition of SA products entering Indonesia via Jakarta port:** Closure of the Jakarta port for SA imports remains a critical and expensive problem. Jakarta has not been an entry point for SA produce since the implementation of regulations No. 89/Permentan/OT.140/12/2011 amending No. 37/Kpts/HK.060/1/2006. It is noted that countries that have gained recognition (USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand), as discussed above, have been granted permission to send fruit into Jakarta port.
- **Import Quotas on citrus:** Although there has been no official notification of the establishment of import quotas via the SHAFTE Technical Working Group it has been confirmed that Indonesia are applying import quotas for citrus in 2013. The Australian representative indicated that quotas are equivalent to approximately 50% of imports in 2012. Quotas for 2013 are: Oranges = 15 000; Mandarin, Tangerine, and Satsuma = 90 000; Lemon/Citrus= 1 000; Grapefruit and Pomelo = 100. It is not clear how these quotas are being applied.

DAFF and Dept. of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) met with the fruit industry on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 to consider the above three issues. In summary it was concluded that SA should continue to pursue recognition of the SA food safety control system (and therefore access to the Jakarta port) via ongoing diplomatic engagement, highlighting the seriousness and priority this application should be given. In terms of the import quotas it was agreed that DAFF and DIRCO would prepare a *note verbal* to be sent to Indonesian authorities in order to gain more information about the imposition of import quotas in order for SA exporters to be in a position to comply. This *note verbal* is being circulated among stakeholders at present and due to be sent to Indonesia shortly. CGA will inform citrus growers and exporters as soon as possible of any feedback.

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