



Update on Indian Import requirements

It has been confirmed via the SA Agricultural Attaché to India on 8th July 2014 that the Indian authorities (FSSAI) will be accepting CODEX maximum residue levels (MRLs) in the absence of Indian specific MRLs. This will alleviate the recent problem where fruit was rejected on the basis of being treated with fungicides like TBZ, and any such accompanying statements being made on the carton. Nevertheless, caution should still be adopted when shipping to India as there may be delays in enforcement of the central decisions at outlying ports. Continued communication with your Indian importer is suggested to avoid any problems.

The Director/Advisor at FSSAI also alerted importers to make use of the FSSAI website www.fssai.gov.in to track the status of containers (importers should check the website before 11:00 each day), and to familiarise themselves with the general requirements for importing into India. It was further confirmed that port officers have been instructed to take samples and clear perishable consignment immediately subject to commitments from the importers.

CGA would like to express our thanks to DAFF: FSQA in Pretoria and Mr Mankazana in India for helping address this matter.

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