

Consumer Assurance Update

EU Chlorpyrifos Situation

During April 2014 the European Food Safety Authority released a scientific opinion proposing a reduction to the existing toxicological endpoints (i.e. acute reference dose = ARfD) for Chlorpyrifos for the EU. ARfD's are used by regulators when setting MRLs. These revised ARfD levels for Chlorpyrifos will be considered by the Standing Committee on Pesticide Residues to determine the future status of Chlorpyrifos MRLs. The typical MRL review process that would apply means amended MRLs might only come into effect in mid-2015 at the earliest. CGA and CRI will be engaging regulators to determine the likely future status of the official MRL but no clear indication is expected until the Standing Committee meets in September 2014. However, growers who have entered into supply agreements with buyers that require residues to comply with private standards may encounter difficulty should the buyers decide to independently adopt the proposed EFSA levels and abandon the official European ARfD levels. CGA and CRI continue to maintain the position that the ARfD is not an appropriate residue compliance indicator; it should be the official MRL.

Hong Kong Implements Food Safety Regulations

Pesticide Residues in Food Regulation (Cap. 132CM) is effective from 1st August 2014. This regulation stipulates the pesticide residue requirements for food entering Hong Kong. CGA/CRI have taken these new levels into account and are reflected in the Recommended Usage Restrictions for Plant Protection Products on Southern African Export citrus.

Upcoming Confronting Climate Change (CCC) workshops

In 2013 there was excellent participation in the CCC project with over 100 citrus producers measuring their carbon footprints. Having laid the foundation it is now time to see if any of the interventions made to reduce carbon emissions (and ultimately reduced the energy costs) in the last 12 months have had an impact. The next few months are also a good time for other growers to start measuring their carbon footprint and comparing these with growers around them. A number of regional CCC workshops have been arranged. Citrus growers are strongly advised to make use of upcoming events and the resources within the CCC. The following workshops are planned:

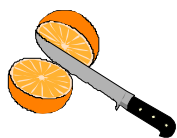
Date	Time	Region	Town	Venue
19 th Aug	9AM – 12 AM	N. Cape	Kakamas	TBC
9 Sept	9 AM – 12 AM	Cederberg	Porterville	TBC
10 th Sept	9AM – 12 AM	W. Coast	Vredendal	TBC
2 nd Oct	8AM – 11 AM	Limpopo	Groblersdal	Loskop Irrigation Board
3 rd Oct	8AM – 11 AM	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	CRI officers

To confirm your attendance or find out more information about any of these workshops, please contact the project team: Anél Blignaut (anel@bluenorth.co.za). Website: www.climatefruitandwine.co.za

SIZA Ethical Trade Facilitator Workshops

SIZA has received funding of R1 million from the Department of Agriculture, Western Cape, and €500 000 from the Sustainable Trade Initiative (IDH) for the roll out of its capacity-building programme throughout provinces in South Africa in 2014 and 2015. The funding will be used to present over 60 Ethical Trade Facilitator

workshops at no additional cost to members. Citrus growers wanting to participate or learn more about the SIZA programme should attend one of the training workshops provided by a SIZA-recognized trainer. To see course content and what to expect from these training sessions please visit the SIZA website: <http://www.siza.co.za/capacity-building-programme.php> or contact info@siza.co.za. The specific trainers' contact details are also available on the SIZA website. The table below shows upcoming workshops in August and September 2014.



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REGISTERED TSP	TRAINING DATE	PROVINCE	TRAINING LOCATION
SKY VINES CC (Francois Brink)	Aug 4-5	N. Cape	Augrabies
Koue Bokkeveld (Anneke van Dyk)	07-Aug	W. Cape	Ceres
AGRI-IQ (Bronwyn Palmer)	Aug 6-7	Mpumalanga	Onderberg
SKY VINES CC (Francois Brink)	Aug 6-7	N. Cape	Upington
AGRI-IQ (Bronwyn Palmer)	Aug 12 - 13	Mpumalanga	Burgershall
AGRI-IQ (Bronwyn Palmer)	Aug 13 - 14	Free State	Bethlehem
Koue Bokkeveld (Anneke van Dyk)	14-Aug	W. Cape	Ceres
Koue Bokkeveld (Anneke van Dyk)	19-Aug	W. Cape	Ceres
NIKIWE CONSULTING (Debbie Morris)	Aug 19-20	Limpopo	Tzaneen
Koue Bokkeveld (Anneke van Dyk)	21-Aug	W. Cape	Ceres
Koue Bokkeveld (Anneke van Dyk)	26-Aug	W. Cape	Ceres
Koue Bokkeveld (Anneke van Dyk)	28-Aug	W. Cape	Ceres
AGRI-IQ (Bronwyn Palmer)	Sep 3-4	Mpumalanga	Onderberg
SKY VINES CC (Francois Brink)	Sep 9- 10	W. Cape	Citrusdal
AGRI-IQ (Bronwyn Palmer)	Sep 10-11	Mpumalanga	Nelspruit
SKY VINES CC (Francois Brink)	Sep 22-23	NWEST	Brits
Koue Bokkeveld (Anneke van Dyk)	30-Sep	W. Cape	Ceres

SIZA Ethical Trade Handbooks

CGA has a number of copies of the SIZA ethical trade handbook still available. These are a

valuable and free resource every producer should have on the farm. Contact the CGA office to make arrangements about obtaining a copy.

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