

The false codling moth risk management system (FMS) for export of citrus to the EU

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On 14 July an amendment of the European Union's (EU) Directive on protective measures against the introduction of harmful organisms into the EU was published in the Official Journal of the EU, to include false codling moth (FCM) [Commission Directive 2017/1279]. This now means that **FCM is officially a regulated pest for the EU** and will come into force on 1 January 2017. The regulation states that citrus (excluding lemons and limes) from Africa, amongst other crops, must either be sourced from an FCM-free area or must be subjected to an effective cold treatment or another effective treatment to ensure freedom from FCM.

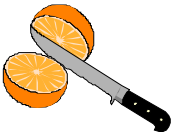
Over several years, CRI has developed a scientifically based FCM risk management system (FMS) which includes a systems approach to achieving compliance with FCM phytosanitary regulations. An FMS Working Group (FMS WG) was formed, with representation from industry stakeholder groupings, including grower representatives from the variety focus groups. The FMS WG provided inputs towards ensuring practical feasibility of the FMS, within industry operations, prior to presentation to and discussion with DAFF. DAFF will communicate with the European Commission regarding the FMS. In the meantime, DAFF has approved the release of this draft FMS in the interests of facilitating timely phytosanitary registration and starting implementation of the relevant good agricultural practices.

Various components of the FMS have been presented to growers and packhouses at CRI regional workshops over the past 4 years. The final system was presented at CRI's IPM and disease management workshops during August and September this year. At DAFF's annual citrus coordinating meeting for export to special markets held in the Eastern Cape on 11 October, the FMS was presented as the requirement for accessing the EU market for all citrus exports (excluding lemons and limes) as of 01 January 2018, subject to successful communication between DAFF and the European Commission. The FMS is also currently being presented at DAFF's regional follow

up meetings – the DAFF invitations to attend were sent out to the citrus industry on 16 October 2017. It should also be noted that DAFF has adopted Phytclean as the official export registration platform and that its usage is also being presented at the abovementioned DAFF meetings. Further training on the FMS and the use of Phytclean will also be provided at CRI's regional postharvest workshops during January and February 2018 (dates still to be announced).

Note that **registrations for the FMS opened on Monday 16 October and need to be conducted by 10 November** this year. The Draft Registration list will be on the website from 27 November, allowing for changes up to 1 December. Registration for the FMS requires an undertaking to comply with the FMS protocol, provide accurate data and implement good agricultural practice (GAP) procedures for FCM, according to CRI's Production Guidelines for the control of FCM on citrus. These undertakings are required as part of the registration process.

For assistance with the registration process, contact Thembeke Meyiwa at the CGA Office – 031 765 2514. Other queries can be directed to Dr Sean Moore – seanmoore@cri.co.za, Dr Vaughan Hattingh – vh@cri.co.za or Paul Hardman – ph@cga.co.za.



Die valskodlingmot risikobestuurstelsel (FMS) vir uitvoer van sitrus na die EU

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Op 14 Julie is 'n wysiging van die Europese Unie (EU) Wet op beskermende maatreëls teen die invoer van skadelike organismes in die EU in die Amptelike Joernaal van die EU gepubliseer, om valskodlingmot (VKM) in te sluit [Kommissie Riglyne 2017/1279]. Dit beteken dat **VKM amptelik 'n geregleerde plaag vir die EU** is en sal op 1 Januarie 2018 in werking tree. Die regulasie sê dat sitrus (uitsluitende suurlemoene en lemmetjies) vanaf Afrika, onder ander gewasse, moet óf afkomstig wees van 'n VKM-vrye area of plek van produksie, óf moet onderworpe wees aan 'n doeltreffende koue behandeling of 'n ander doeltreffende behandeling om vryheid van VKM te verseker.

CRI het oor etlike jare 'n wetenskaplik gebaseerde VKM risikobestuurstelsel (FMS) ontwikkel wat 'n stelsels benadering insluit om nakoming van die VKM fitosanitêre regulasies te bereik. 'n FMS Werksgroep (FMS WG) is gestig, met verteenwoordiging vanaf rolspeler groeperings in die bedryf, insluitende produsente verteenwoordigers vanuit die varieteitsfokusgroepe. Die FMS WG het insette gelewer om die praktiese uitvoerbaarheid van die FMS te verseker, binne bedryfs aktiwiteite, voorlegging aan en bespreking met DAFF. DAFF gaan met die Europese Kommissie kommunikeer met betrekking tot die FMS. Intussen het DAFF die vrystelling van hierdie weergawe van die FMS goedgekeur ten einde tydige fitosanitêre registrasie te fasiliteer en die implementering van die relevante goeie landboupraktyke te begin.

Verskeie komponente van die FMS is oor die afgelope 4 jaar aan produsente en pakhuis by CRI streekswerkswinkels aangebied. Die finale stelsel is by CRI se IPM en siektebestuur werkswinkels gedurende Augustus en September hierdie jaar aangebied. By DAFF se jaarlikse sitrus koördinasie vergadering vir uitvoer na spesiale markte, gehou in die Oos-Kaap op 11 Oktober, is die FMS aangebied as die vereiste vir toegang tot die EU mark vir alle sitrus uitvoere (uitsluitende suurlemoene en lemmetjies) vanaf 1 Januarie 2018, onderhewig aan suksesvolle kommunikasie tussen DAFF en die Europese Kommissie. Die FMS word ook tans by DAFF se streeks opvolg

vergaderings aangebied – die DAFF uitnodigings om by te woon is op 16 Oktober 2017 aan die sitrusbedryf gestuur. Daar moet ook kennis geneem word dat DAFF Phytclean as die amptelike uitvoer registrasie platform aangeneem het en dat die gebruik daarvan ook aangebied word by bogenoemde DAFF vergaderings. Verdere opleiding op die FMS en die gebruik van Phytclean sal ook by CRI se streeks na-oes werkswinkels voorsien word gedurende Januarie en Februarie 2018 (datums sal nog aangekondig word).

Neem kennis dat registrasies vir die FMS op Maandag 16 Oktober geopen het teen 10 November van hierdie jaar voltooi moet word.

Die Registrasie lys sal op die webtuiste vanaf 27 November wees, maar veranderinge sal tot 1 Desember moontlik wees. Registrasie vir die FMS vereis 'n onderneming om aan die FMS-protokol te voldoen, akkurate data te voorsien en goeie landboupraktyk (GAP) prosedures vir VKM te implementeer, volgens CRI se Produksie Riglyne vir die beheer van VKM op sitrus. Hierdie voornemings word vereis as deel van die registrasie proses.

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