

Market Access Update



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South Africa must retain access to markets

Information will be provided on specific markets where export requirements have improved, as well as on markets where challenges remain, requiring further efforts to achieve better access



- The negotiations for access to this market began in 2008, and the PIP for oranges was submitted in 2013, with the eventual opening of the market for oranges in 2024



- Next - mandarins
- Followed by - grapefruit, lemon

South Korea

- SA port rejection - Mealybugs & Mussel Scale & marking requirements - disruptive supply
- SA NPPO is awaiting final report from SK NPPO



Improvements (2024): feasible new protocol

- Workable cold treatment description
- Reduced treatment duration (22 days)
- All cultivars, all citrus types included

Next:

- Exclude lemons from the cold treatment – FCM & fruit flies
- Add improved FCM cold treatment options



Japan

- Avocado - first container successfully arrived in Japan in 2024
- Next priority: Citrus
- Allow all mandarins (2009)
- Improved cold treatment for all citrus types (2004)
- Allow all sweet oranges (navels) (2016)



- Access from the rest of South Africa (CBS areas) (2011/14)
- Include all W Cape districts as CBS-free (2013)
- Revised pest list (2016)

There has been no movement on any of the outstanding matters due to USA demands for unrelated trade concessions from SA (animal health issues). A technical bilateral meeting is scheduled to take place early in 2025.



- 2024: Another in-transit cold treatment trial. The first trial was conducted in 2017. This trial was successful – both containers were cleared by NPPO India - awaiting notice from Indian NPPO.



European Union

- CBS Interceptions - 28
- FCM Interceptions - 1
- Scab Interceptions - 3
- Fruit flies - 1

No changes to:

- FCM Regulations
- CBS Regulations
- Fruit fly Regulations
- Scab Regulations



South Africa has initiated a WTO dispute with the EU in pursuit of relief from aspects of the current EU CBS and FCM regulations - WTO dispute in process.

New markets



Morocco
Costa Rica
Guatemala
El Salvador
Honduras
Mexico
Brazil



