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*NB: The SOP issued on 13 January 2020 is hereby withdrawn and replaced with the following:*

## EFFECTIVE FROM THE FOLLOWING DATES

**SEA FREIGHT: 4 FEBRUARY 2020**

**AIR FREIGHT: 18 FEBRUARY 2020**

## **CONDITIONS OF CLEARANCE OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TO SAUDI ARABIA**

	<p><b>SOUTH AFRICAN COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Exporters and producers of regulated agricultural products of plant origin to <u>Saudi Arabia</u> must inform PPECB, Ms Natasha Wentzel, at least ten days of their intention to export</li><li>PPECB will use the test results received from the laboratories to build a profile for compliance of each PUC. A Food Safety Certificate (FSC) with test results shall be issued by the DAFF laboratories. The export certificate by PPECB shall be issued out based on the DAFF FSC</li><li>Validity of the FSC for Microbiological, heavy metals at PHC</li></ol>
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	<p><b>level and pesticides residues at PUC level shall be valid for a period of 8 weeks</b></p>
<p><b>FIRST: REQUIREMENTS OF REGISTRATION</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The importer should register in the Electronic Clearance Program for Environment (allowing program of the Authority)</li> <li>2. The source of products (farm/centres of collection) shall be within the list for export to Saudi Arabia</li> <li>3. The data on fresh vegetables and fruits shall be included in the electronic registration system for the environment</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The importer should comply with the registration requirements</li> <li>2. The exporter to liaise with the importer regarding the FBO codes from which the products will be sourced from (PUC and PHC codes)</li> <li>3. Importer and exporter to comply</li> </ol>
<p><b>SECOND: Requirements of documents accompanying consignments</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Phytosanitary requirements</li> <li>2.2 GAP /Food Safety Management system</li> </ol> <p><b>(Food Safety Certificate to be issued by Analytical Services South)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.3 Plant products to comply with laboratory tests for monitoring biological and chemical hazards</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Phytosanitary Certificate will be issued by the Directorate: Inspection Services</li> <li>2.2 PPECB to ensure that the FBO has been R707 PPECB audited and comply with prerequisite requirements. After this, the Food Safety Certificate endorsed with the words "1. The Plant Products in this certificate has been produced by a Food Business Operator who applies GAP, GMP and HACCP principles"</li> <li>2.3 Based on the analytical tests results, the FSC should have the words "2. The Plant products comply with South African pesticide residues limits and SFDA.FD 382 – The Maximum Limits of Pesticide</li> </ol>

<p>2.4 Plant products must be suitable and fit for human consumption.</p> <p>2.5 GSO 123 requirements</p>	<p><b>Residues in Agricultural &amp; Foodstuffs”</b>  <b>“3. The Plant products comply with the microbiological limits –GSO 1016S and FDA.FD 193 “General Specification for contaminants &amp; Foodstuffs”(PPECB to verify compliance with SFDA.FD 382 and 193)</b></p> <p>2.4 Based on the results under 2.3 above, The FSC should have the words <b>“4. The Plant products in this certificate are safe and suitable for human consumption”</b></p> <p>2.5 The FSC should have the words <b>“5.The Plant products in this certificate meet the requirements of GSO 123 “ The General conditions for fresh vegetables &amp; fruits”</b></p>
<p>Explanatory Notes Marking requirements</p> <p>3.1 A foreign language may be used beside the Arabic</p> <p>3.2 The phrase “ The Product has been conserved by radiation” if irradiated</p> <p>3.3 The Organic Product Logo shall be placed if there is claim thereof on the package</p>	<p>3.1 The markings on the package should be in both languages; Arabic and English</p> <p>3.2 Proof of radiation to be provided to PPECB and indicated on the container or package</p> <p>3.3 Proof of organic production certification to be provided to PPECB</p>

NB: Other requirements are provided for in the export standard and requirements

Reference documents

GSO 1016

GSO 123

SFDA –FD 382

SFDA –FD 193

Signed and approved by Dr Mbulaheni Thomas Mutengwe

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Agricultural Product Standards Act

Available

at: <https://www.daff.gov.za/daffweb3/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Food-Safety-Quality-Assurance/Marking-requirements>

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