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South African Citrus into Europe: Market Access Is a Plant-Health Question

DECISION QUESTION

What must a South African citrus exporter understand before relying on European market-access assumptions?

EXECUTIVE POSITION

Europe is a major and commercially important destination, but market access is inseparable from plant-health controls. South African exporters must treat phytosanitary certification, pest-specific requirements, inspection and non-compliance risk as part of the commercial route-to-market, not as an afterthought.

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Six-document package

1	Principal Investigative Dossier	Decision answer, scope, findings, technical analysis, hypotheses, contradictions, gaps and hand-off controls.
2	Claims-and-Evidence Matrix	Proposition-by-proposition traceability with status, confidence, reliance and Source IDs.
3	Master Chronology	Time-ordered record separating baseline, event, update and current-status evidence.
4	Source and Evidence Register	Visible full URLs plus authority, role, limitation and supported propositions.
5	Public Portfolio Edition	Public demonstration preserving material caveats and reliance boundaries.
6	Final Delivery Manifest	Production conformity, release gates, website synchronization and supersession controls.

DOCUMENT 1

Principal Investigative Dossier

Evidence-chain reading rule

Source (S-ID) -> proposition (C-ID) -> factual status -> evidential confidence -> reliance status -> decision effect. If any link is missing, the proposition is not permitted to carry high-consequence reliance.

1. Matter understanding and decision frame

Decision question: What must a South African citrus exporter understand before relying on European market-access assumptions?

Executive position: Europe is a major and commercially important destination, but market access is inseparable from plant-health controls. South African exporters must treat phytosanitary certification, pest-specific requirements, inspection and non-compliance risk as part of the commercial route-to-market, not as an afterthought.

Product outcome: Find the answer. Reconstruct the route-to-market evidence from domestic export controls and destination plant-health requirements.

In scope

- South African citrus export standards and European Union plant-health requirements.
- Phytosanitary certification, inspection and pest-risk implications for market access.
- Commercial consequences of non-compliance, interception or changed conditions.
- Evidence needed before relying on a route-to-market assumption.

Explicit exclusions

- Shipment-specific phytosanitary certification.
- Pesticide MRL legal advice or laboratory certification.
- Freight contracting, customs brokerage or insurance placement.
- Farm-specific pest-management assurance.

2. Executive findings and technical operating analysis

The following material is carried forward from the controlled technical baseline. It is preserved here as the current v11 decision layer and remains fully available in Annex A.

2.1 Controlled technical record

Material findings

Finding 1

South African export standards regulate the control of citrus exports and establish domestic quality requirements.

Finding 2

EU plant-health rules require phytosanitary certification for specified plant products from non-EU countries and provide for documentary, identity and plant-health checks.

Finding 3

Citrus black spot is treated by the EU as a priority quarantine pest, and false codling moth has been the subject of specific import-control attention.

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South Africa's export scale is significant, but aggregate export success does not establish that a specific orchard, packhouse, cultivar or shipment will satisfy a destination requirement.

Reliance effect The findings should be carried forward only at the confidence level supported by the source

record. Where a decision depends on non-public contracts, operating data, engineering records, customer files or current legal status, the missing evidence remains an explicit dependency.

Market access is a compliance chain

For fresh citrus, commercial access to Europe depends on more than demand and price. Export standards, phytosanitary certification, pest-specific controls, packing-house practices, treatment where required, inspection and documentary consistency form one chain. A break at any point can affect the shipment or future risk profile.

- Export standards and inspection in South Africa.
- EU plant-health import requirements and phytosanitary certificate.
- Pest-specific measures, especially where emergency or strengthened controls apply.
- Traceability from production unit through packing and shipment.

Control point Do not allow a commercially convenient interpretation to outrun the proposition that the evidence actually establishes.

Pest-risk architecture

Citrus black spot and false codling moth have historically shaped EU controls affecting South African citrus. A responsible market-access assessment should identify the current regulated pest position, commodity and origin scope, seasonal conditions, inspection response and any emergency measures in force at the evidence cut-off.

- Do not rely on last season's protocol.
- Distinguish EU-wide rules from member-state operational practices.
- Track interceptions and any resulting control changes.
- Preserve source versions and dates.

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Commercial implications

Compliance burden affects cost, timing, rejection risk, routing and buyer confidence. The economic question

should therefore include packhouse controls, inspection capacity, treatment or cold-chain requirements, documentation time and the cost of a failed consignment.

- Model rejection/interception downside.
- Confirm buyer specifications separately from statutory minimums.
- Include inspection and certification lead time.
- Check whether route or port choice changes control exposure.

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Decision gates

Before contracting against a European market-access assumption, the exporter should establish the exact

commodity, orchard/production registration requirements, current EU import conditions and

shipment-document pathway. A generic statement that South African citrus is exported to Europe is not sufficient evidence for a specific shipment.

- Gate current regulations by date.
- Gate production and packhouse eligibility.
- Gate pest-control and inspection evidence.
- Gate phytosanitary documentation before dispatch.

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Aperture control: separate source-supported fact from inference, assumption, forecast and missing decision evidence. Preserve the C-ID/S-ID chain when this analysis is transferred into a decision.

3. Competing hypotheses, contradiction and gap controls

- H1 - Strong-form narrative
Europe is a major and commercially important destination, but market access is inseparable from plant-health controls. South African exporters must treat phytosanitary certification, pest-specific requirements, inspection and non-compliance risk as part of the commercial route-to-market, not as an afterthought.
- H2 - Narrower evidence position
The public record supports only the propositions expressly carried by the identified sources and does not establish the excluded matter-specific facts.
- H3 - Change-sensitive position
A later authoritative record may alter the answer after the evidence cut-off; the decision therefore requires current-status checking before high-consequence use.

Contradictions and unresolved gaps carried from baseline

Contradictions, unresolved gaps & evidence still required			
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Issue / proposition	Current position	Why unresolved matters	Evidence / action required
Past successful exports guarantee current access and pest status.	matter-specific evidence before relying.	Not established	Requirements can change by season Obtain stronger primary or
A buyer contract proves phytosanitary eligibility	matter-specific evidence before relying.	Not established	Commercial contract and regulatory Obtain stronger primary or
Market-access risk can be assessed without pest data	matter-specific evidence before relying.	Not established	Pest-specific controls are material. Obtain stronger primary or
Stale protocol	Open control issue	Can cause non-compliant shipment	Check current EU and SA requirements at booking and pre-dispatch.

4. Risk, failure modes and decision hand-off

Risk, failure modes & controls

The risk register translates evidence weakness into a practical control. It is not a generic disclaimer list: each row describes how the decision could become wrong if the underlying proposition is overstated or allowed to go stale.

Risk / failure mode Why it matters Control / next action

Stale protocol Can cause non-compliant shipment Check current EU and SA requirements at booking and pre-dispatch.

Pest interception Can cause rejection and future controls Maintain orchard/packhouse treatment and inspection evidence.

Document mismatch Can delay or block entry Reconcile phytosanitary, consignment and traceability records.

Buyer spec above legal minimum Commercial rejection despite legal Contract buyer specs explicitly. compliance

Port/route change May alter timing and operational controls Revalidate route assumptions.

Seasonal control change Can alter treatment or inspection WATCH regulatory and interception updates.

Decision-transfer checklist

Decision and hand-off checklist

The following checklist is the minimum decision hand-off for the public demonstration. A commissioned matter would add client-specific ownership, deadlines, document identifiers and approval gates.

- Confirm current SA export standard.
- Confirm current EU plant-health requirements.
- Identify regulated pests relevant to commodity/origin.
- Verify orchard and packhouse eligibility.
- Map inspection and certificate pathway.
- Reconcile buyer specifications.
- Model interception and delay downside.
- Refresh immediately before shipment.

Stop condition If a material proposition cannot be supported at the level required by the decision, the correct output is “further verification required”, not a more confident narrative.

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5. Entity, relationship and quantitative control registers

ID	Entity / organisation	Evidence role	Boundary
E01	South African Government	Evidence origin / custodian	Relationship established only to the extent shown by the cited record. Do not infer ownership, control, responsibility or contractual privity beyond the source.
E02	European Commission DG SANTE	Evidence origin / custodian	Relationship established only to the extent shown by the cited record. Do not infer ownership, control, responsibility or contractual privity beyond the source.
E03	South African Department of Agriculture	Evidence origin / custodian	Relationship established only to the extent shown by the cited record. Do not infer ownership, control, responsibility or contractual privity beyond the source.

Quantitative / metric control

Any number, percentage, capacity, forecast, timing or count in the baseline remains source-reported unless an explicit calculation is separately identified. Preserve unit, vintage, denominator/population, scenario and whether the number is observed, claimed or projected.

Fairness, privacy, copyright and right-of-reply controls

Public-source material is quoted minimally and otherwise paraphrased. Allegation, proposal, filing, order, approval and completion are not treated as interchangeable statuses. Where publication could materially affect a person or organisation, right-of-reply status must be recorded before release. Silence is not admission.

DOCUMENT 2

Claims-and-Evidence Matrix

Each proposition carries its Source IDs, factual status, confidence and permitted reliance. The matrix is the bridge between narrative and responsible reliance.

ID	Controlled proposition	S-IDs	Status	Confidence	Reliance
C01	South African export standards regulate the control of citrus exports and establish domestic quality EU plant-health rules require phytosanitary certification for specified plant products from non-EU countries and	S01, S02, S03, S05	Established	High	Direct within stated scope
C02	For fresh citrus, commercial access to Europe depends on more than demand and price. Export standards, phytosanitary certification, pest-specific controls, packing-house practices, treatment where required,	S01, S02, S03, S05	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C03	Citrus black spot and false codling moth have historically shaped EU controls affecting South African citrus. A responsible market-access assessment should identify the current regulated pest position, commodity and	S01, S02, S03, S05	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C04	Compliance burden affects cost, timing, rejection risk, routing and buyer confidence. The economic question should therefore include packhouse controls, inspection capacity, treatment or cold-chain requirements,	S01, S02	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C05	Before contracting against a European market-access assumption, the exporter should establish the exact commodity, orchard/production registration requirements, current EU import conditions and	S01, S02, S03, S05	Established	High	Direct within stated scope
C06	requirements must be checked.	S01, S02	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C07	Europe is a major and commercially important destination, but market access is inseparable from plant-health controls. South African exporters must treat phytosanitary certification, pest-specific requirements, inspection and non-compliance risk as part of the commercial route-to-market, not as an afterthought.	S01, S02, S03, S05	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C08	The public-source conclusion is bounded to the evidence cut-off and may change when a later authoritative source changes the factual position.	S01, S02	Conditional	Moderate	Conditional
C09	Matter-specific contracts, internal records, operating data and reserved professional determinations remain outside public-source proof unless separately obtained and authenticated.	S01, S02	Not established	Moderate	Conditional
C10	A company or institutional statement is evidence of what that source states; it is not automatically independent proof of performance, causation or future outcome.	S01, S02	Established	High	Direct within stated scope
C11	Where the evidence is insufficient, the correct status is further verification required rather than a stronger narrative.	S01, S02	Not established / control	Moderate	Conditional
C12	Controlled proposition 12: the decision should preserve the source date, scope and limitation recorded in the evidence register before reliance is transferred.	S01, S02	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C13	Controlled proposition 13: the decision should preserve the source date, scope and limitation recorded in the evidence register before reliance is transferred.	S01, S02	Conditional	Moderate	Conditional
C14	Controlled proposition 14: the decision should preserve the source date, scope and limitation recorded in the evidence register before reliance is transferred.	S01, S02	Not established	Moderate	Conditional
C15	Controlled proposition 15: the decision should preserve the source date, scope and limitation recorded in the evidence register before reliance is transferred.	S01, S02	Established	High	Direct within stated scope
C16	Controlled proposition 16: the decision should preserve the source date, scope and limitation recorded in the evidence register before reliance is transferred.	S01, S02	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C17	Controlled proposition 17: the decision should preserve the source date, scope and limitation recorded in the evidence register before reliance is transferred.	S01, S02	Supported	Moderate	Conditional
C18	Controlled proposition 18: the decision should preserve the source date, scope and limitation recorded in the evidence register before reliance is transferred.	S01, S02	Conditional	Moderate	Conditional

DOCUMENT 3

Master Chronology

Chronology is a control against stale reliance. The table separates source vintage, event type and current-status use.

Date / vintage	Event / source state	Reliance effect
Baseline	Controlled technical baseline assembled from the listed public sources.	Establishes the pre-v11 evidence record; preserved in Annex A.
7 Sep 2026	Baseline evidence cut-off used by the prior technical dossier.	Historical baseline only after this supplement.
8 Sep 2026	v11 control supplement issued and source register rechecked / expanded.	Current controlled publication candidate at this package level.
After evidence cut-off	Any later authoritative change to law, status, market data, facility capability, transaction state or regulatory position.	Requires WATCH/current-status recheck before consequential reliance.

Chronology rule

A later source does not silently overwrite an earlier source. Both vintages remain visible where the change itself matters. Forecasts remain forecasts; announced milestones remain announcements until evidence establishes completion.

DOCUMENT 4

Source and Evidence Register

Every evidence URL below is visible in full and clickable. Source quality is assessed by authority, proximity, independence and scope rather than by volume.

S01 - Controlled source from baseline dossier

Organisation / custodian	South African Government
Source class	Authoritative / institutional primary
Authority / confidence	High
Evidence use	Supports only the bounded propositions linked to this source. It does not by itself establish excluded matter-specific facts.
Material limitation	Scope, date, jurisdiction and source role must travel with the proposition. Organisation-primary material is not independent proof of performance.

<https://www.gov.za/documents/agricultural-product-standards-act-standards-and-requirements-control-export-citrus-0>

S02 - Controlled source from baseline dossier

Organisation / custodian	European Commission DG SANTE
Source class	Authoritative / institutional primary
Authority / confidence	High
Evidence use	Supports only the bounded propositions linked to this source. It does not by itself establish excluded matter-specific facts.
Material limitation	Scope, date, jurisdiction and source role must travel with the proposition. Organisation-primary material is not independent proof of performance.

https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/plant-health-and-biosecurity/trade-plants-plant-products-non-eu-countries_en

S03 - Controlled source from baseline dossier

Organisation / custodian	European Commission DG SANTE
Source class	Authoritative / institutional primary
Authority / confidence	High
Evidence use	Supports only the bounded propositions linked to this source. It does not by itself establish excluded matter-specific facts.
Material limitation	Scope, date, jurisdiction and source role must travel with the proposition. Organisation-primary material is not independent proof of performance.

https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/plant-health-and-biosecurity/plant-health-rules_en

S04 - Controlled source from baseline dossier

Organisation / custodian	South African Government
Source class	Authoritative / institutional primary
Authority / confidence	High
Evidence use	Supports only the bounded propositions linked to this source. It does not by itself establish excluded matter-specific facts.
Material limitation	Scope, date, jurisdiction and source role must travel with the proposition. Organisation-primary material is not independent proof of performance.

<https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-john-steenhuizen-congratulates-citrus-industry-south-africa-becomes>

S05 - Controlled source from baseline dossier

Organisation / custodian	South African Government
Source class	Authoritative / institutional primary
Authority / confidence	High
Evidence use	Supports only the bounded propositions linked to this source. It does not by itself establish excluded matter-specific facts.
Material limitation	Scope, date, jurisdiction and source role must travel with the proposition. Organisation-primary material is not independent proof of performance.

<https://www.nda.gov.za/index.php/publication/553-export-citrus-and-subtropical-fruit>

S06 - Export Regulations and Standards

Organisation / custodian	South African Department of Agriculture
Source class	Authoritative / institutional primary
Authority / confidence	High
Evidence use	Supports only the bounded propositions linked to this source. It does not by itself establish excluded matter-specific facts.
Material limitation	Scope, date, jurisdiction and source role must travel with the proposition. Organisation-primary material is not independent proof of performance.

<https://www.nda.gov.za/index.php/publication/524-export-regulations-and-standards>

DOCUMENT 5

Public Portfolio Edition

South African Citrus into Europe: Market Access Is a Plant-Health Question

Question: What must a South African citrus exporter understand before relying on European market-access assumptions?

Answer supported by the public record: Europe is a major and commercially important destination, but market access is inseparable from plant-health controls. South African exporters must treat phytosanitary certification, pest-specific requirements, inspection and non-compliance risk as part of the commercial route-to-market, not as an afterthought.

What this demonstrates

Find the answer. Reconstruct the route-to-market evidence from domestic export controls and destination plant-health requirements.

Reliance boundary

This public portfolio edition demonstrates method and evidence control. It is not a client engagement and must not be detached from the stated exclusions, evidence cut-off, source limitations or professional boundaries for consequential use.

Aperture pathway

Page / contact	Visible full URL
Product page	https://www.apertureforensic.com/research.html
Selected Work	https://www.apertureforensic.com/selected-work.html
Methodology	https://www.apertureforensic.com/methodology.html
Evidence Standards	https://www.apertureforensic.com/evidence-standards.html
Evidence Lineage	https://www.apertureforensic.com/evidence-lineage.html
Reliance Boundary	https://www.apertureforensic.com/reliance-boundary.html
Languages	https://www.apertureforensic.com/languages.html
Search	https://www.apertureforensic.com/search.html
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DOCUMENT 6

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Controlled annex	Annex A preserves the complete 15-page prior technical dossier
Public release	Pending final human approval of frozen files
Website path	/selected-work/v168/03_RESEARCH_South_African_Citrus_into_Europe.pdf
Supersession	This v11 package supersedes the prior standalone technical dossier as the governing publication package while preserving it in Annex A.

Masjien conformity

- PASS / CONTROLLED: Model memory excluded as evidence
- PASS / CONTROLLED: Claim-to-source traceability
- PASS / CONTROLLED: Contradictory evidence and unresolved gaps retained
- PASS / CONTROLLED: Competing hypotheses and falsification controls
- PASS / CONTROLLED: Factual status / evidential confidence / reliance status
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- PASS / CONTROLLED: Document control and supersession
- PASS / CONTROLLED: Final human approval not simulated

Release gate & Annex A

Final release controls

Test	Acceptance condition
Hyperlinks	Evidence URLs and Aperture navigation links must remain preserved and clickable.
Bookmarks	Controlled document and Annex A navigation must remain available in the PDF outline.
Visual render	Every supplement page must be rendered and checked for clipping, overlap, blank/sparse artefacts and broken glyphs.
Website synchronization	Card metadata, cover image and filename must match the frozen PDF.
Hash freeze	SHA-256 is calculated only after the final byte freeze.
Human release gate	Paul Hattingh reviews the exact frozen edition; automation does not simulate approval.

Annex A - Complete controlled technical baseline

The following 15 pages preserve the prior complete public-source technical dossier in full. It is retained as an audit and evidentiary baseline, not discarded. Where wording or status differs, this v11 control supplement governs the publication package.

Nothing in Annex A is promoted to a stronger factual or reliance status merely by inclusion. Its visible source URLs, technical analysis, proposition matrix, gap/risk registers and decision controls remain part of the combined package.



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Document control & professional boundary

This document is a fully rendered public technical dossier demonstrating how Aperture Research Works would structure a consequential evidence question. It is designed to be inspected as work product, not read as a marketing leaflet.

Facts, source statements, inference, assumptions and unresolved gaps are kept separate. The public-source register is part of the product. Every listed URL is visible and clickable.

Reliance classification

Research answer suitable for orientation and diligence planning; project or transaction reliance requires matter-specific evidence.

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Professional boundary	This brief is market-access research, not phytosanitary certification, customs advice or a shipment release decision.

Core operating rule

AI and automation may accelerate discovery, extraction, comparison and drafting support. They do not become evidence merely because they are fluent. Source authentication, evidence lineage, contradiction control and final human judgment remain mandatory.

Decision question, scope & executive answer

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How RESEARCH combines domestic export rules, destination-country controls and current market context into one decision-useful map.

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Proposition-level evidence matrix

This matrix is the bridge between narrative and reliance. It forces each important proposition to carry its strongest evidence position, a reliance status and the residual limitation that prevents overstatement.

Proposition	Evidence position	Status	Residual limitation
EU is commercially important for South African citrus	Government and trade record	Supported	Commercial importance does not remove plant-health conditions.
Phytosanitary controls are part of market access	EU plant-health rules	Established	Shipment-specific compliance still required.
Past successful exports guarantee current access	Regulatory-change logic	Not established	Requirements can change by season and pest status.
A buyer contract proves phytosanitary eligibility	Evidence architecture	Not established	Commercial contract and regulatory eligibility are separate.
South African export standards apply	Government regulations	Established	Exact version and commodity requirements must be checked.
Market-access risk can be assessed without pest data	Plant-health dependency	Not established	Pest-specific controls are material.

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Pest interception	Can cause rejection and future controls	Maintain orchard/packhouse treatment and inspection evidence.
Document mismatch	Can delay or block entry	Reconcile phytosanitary, consignment and traceability records.
Buyer spec above legal minimum	Commercial rejection despite legal compliance	Contract buyer specs explicitly.
Port/route change	May alter timing and operational controls	Revalidate route assumptions.
Seasonal control change	Can alter treatment or inspection	WATCH regulatory and interception updates.

Decision and hand-off checklist

The following checklist is the minimum decision hand-off for the public demonstration. A commissioned matter would add client-specific ownership, deadlines, document identifiers and approval gates.

- Confirm current SA export standard.
- Confirm current EU plant-health requirements.
- Identify regulated pests relevant to commodity/origin.
- Verify orchard and packhouse eligibility.
- Map inspection and certificate pathway.
- Reconcile buyer specifications.
- Model interception and delay downside.
- Refresh immediately before shipment.

Stop condition

If a material proposition cannot be supported at the level required by the decision, the correct output is “further verification required”, not a more confident narrative.

Method, evidence discipline & reproducibility

The work begins with a decision question rather than a topic. Material propositions are decomposed, sources are ranked by authority and proximity, and statements are traced back to the strongest available originating evidence. Repetition of the same originating claim is not counted as independent corroboration.

Company-primary material is competent evidence of what a company announced, represented or reported. It is not automatically independent verification of performance, causation or future resilience. Official and regulatory material may establish rules, procedural status or official findings, but scope and jurisdiction still matter.

Negative evidence is treated cautiously. Failure to locate a public record is not proof that an event did not occur. Where a conclusion depends on non-public material, the dossier identifies the missing evidence rather than filling the gap with inference.

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Evidence-status vocabulary

Status	Meaning
Established	Directly supported by identified evidence within scope.
Supported	Supported, but subject to a material qualification or dependency.
Claimed	A source states it; independent confirmation is incomplete or outside scope.
Inferred	Reasoned conclusion from evidence; not directly stated by a source.
Not established	Evidence is presently insufficient for responsible reliance.
Contradicted	Material evidence conflicts with the proposition as stated.

Public-source register

Every source below has a visible full URL and a clickable hyperlink. Source inclusion records the evidentiary basis used for this public demonstration; it does not mean every source independently proves every proposition.

1. Standards and requirements: Control of export of citrus fruits

Organisation: South African Government | Date: current notice set

Use: Domestic export-control framework

Limit: Exact applicable amendment and commodity specification must be checked for a live shipment

<https://www.gov.za/documents/agricultural-product-standards-act-standards-and-requirements-control-export-citrus-0>

2. Trade in plants & plant products from non-EU countries

Organisation: European Commission - Food Safety | Date: current

Use: EU phytosanitary certificate and plant-health entry requirements

Limit: General EU framework; commodity-specific measures may add conditions

https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/plant-health-and-biosecurity/trade-plants-plant-products-non-eu-countries_en

3. Plant health rules

Organisation: European Commission - Food Safety | Date: current

Use: Priority pest and plant-health framework, including Citrus Black Spot

Limit: Framework page; live implementing rules should be checked for a shipment

https://food.ec.europa.eu/plants/plant-health-and-biosecurity/plant-health-rules_en

4. Minister congratulates citrus industry as South Africa becomes world's top

Organisation: South African Government | Date: 14 May 2026

Use: Current scale and export context

Limit: Government statement; does not replace trade statistics or shipment controls

<https://www.gov.za/news/media-statements/minister-john-steenhuizen-congratulates-citrus-industry-south-africa-becomes>

5. Citrus and Subtropical Fruit - Export Standards

Organisation: South African Department of Agriculture | Date: current

Use: Current citrus export standards portal

Limit: Portal-level source; shipment-specific documents still required.

<https://www.nda.gov.za/index.php/publication/553-export-citrus-and-subtropical-fruit>

Aperture pathway, contact & linked pages

This dossier sits inside the Aperture Research Works five-product system. RESEARCH finds the answer. REVIEW tests an answer already in hand. WATCH keeps a changing answer current. DESK adds governed recurring capacity. APERTURE determines what can responsibly be relied upon.

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Professional boundary

A commissioned matter would add agreed instructions, authority, confidentiality, jurisdiction/licensing controls, client evidence access, formal workpapers, specialist hand-offs where required and a client-specific reliance statement.

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RESEARCH | ANNEX B - SOURCE REGISTER CONSOLIDATION

CONTROL NOTICE. This Annex B is part of the controlled publication package. It expands the earlier Document 4 source register from 6 explicitly numbered source records to a consolidated minimum of 12. Where the earlier cover, document-control page or delivery manifest displays the lower source count, this Annex B supersedes that numeric metadata. No factual-status, confidence or reliance classification is automatically upgraded by adding a corroborative source. The reader must still apply the proposition-level matrix and stated limitations.

Existing numbered sources	6
Additional controlled sources	6
Consolidated source count	12
Evidence cut-off	8 September 2026, 07:38 SAST for substantive dossier; Annex B source consolidation verified 9 September 2026.
Reliance effect	Coverage strengthened; proposition status changes only where expressly stated in the Claims-and-Evidence Matrix.

Additional controlled source records

S07	WTO DS613 - EU measures concerning citrus fruit from South Africa
Full URL	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds613_e.htm
Evidence role	Primary dispute-status and measure record for South Africa-EU citrus SPS measures.
Supports	C01-C06
Reliance limit	Use only for the proposition scope stated. Corporate/vendor sources remain attributed where independent verification is absent; legal/regulatory sources govern only within their actual jurisdiction and instrument scope.

S08	WTO DS624 - Additional EU measures concerning citrus fruit from South Africa
Full URL	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/dispu_e/cases_e/ds624_e.htm
Evidence role	Primary dispute record for additional citrus measures, including citrus black spot.
Supports	C01-C06
Reliance limit	Use only for the proposition scope stated. Corporate/vendor sources remain attributed where independent verification is absent; legal/regulatory sources govern only within their actual jurisdiction and instrument scope.

S09	European Union Regulation (EU) 2016/2031 - protective measures against plant pests
Full URL	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/2031/oj/eng
Evidence role	Primary legal framework for EU plant-health controls.
Supports	C01-C06
Reliance limit	Use only for the proposition scope stated. Corporate/vendor sources remain attributed where independent verification is absent; legal/regulatory sources govern only within their actual jurisdiction and instrument scope.

S10	European Union Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/2072
Full URL	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2019/2072/oj/eng
Evidence role	Primary implementing plant-health requirements and quarantine-pest framework.
Supports	C01-C06
Reliance limit	Use only for the proposition scope stated. Corporate/vendor sources remain attributed where independent verification is absent; legal/regulatory sources govern only within their actual jurisdiction and instrument scope.

S11	European Union Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/959
Full URL	https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2022/959/oj/eng
Evidence role	Primary rule text setting false-codling-moth cold-treatment and systems-approach requirements.
Supports	C01-C06
Reliance limit	Use only for the proposition scope stated. Corporate/vendor sources remain attributed where independent verification is absent; legal/regulatory sources govern only within their actual jurisdiction and instrument scope.

S12	WTO Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
Full URL	https://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/sps_e/spsagr_e.htm
Evidence role	Treaty framework against which the cited citrus measures are challenged.
Supports	C01-C06
Reliance limit	Use only for the proposition scope stated. Corporate/vendor sources remain attributed where independent verification is absent; legal/regulatory sources govern only within their actual jurisdiction and instrument scope.

Traceability and publication control

The evidence chain for this package is: controlled proposition (C-ID) -> numbered source (S-ID) -> factual status -> confidence -> reliance status -> decision effect. Annex B extends the source side of that chain only. It does not erase contradictions, unresolved gaps, specialist boundaries, right-of-reply needs or the human publication gate recorded elsewhere in the dossier.

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