

## Citrus exports proactively suspended

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Following a special meeting of the Citrus Growers Association (CGA) Citrus Black Spot (CBS) Disaster Management Committee, the South African citrus industry has decided to proactively suspend the export of citrus fruit to the European Union (EU) with immediate effect. This is with the exception of soft citrus and exports from the Western and Northern Cape.

The industry has requested the Department of Agriculture to give effect to this decision by suspending inspection and the issuing of Phyto Certificates for all EU citrus exports, except on soft citrus and all citrus exports from the CBS-free areas.

The South African citrus industry in partnership with the South Africa government, have worked tirelessly over the past six years to maintain South Africa's comprehensive CBS risk management programme. The decision to suspend export was taken as a measure to ensure continued access in future to the EU market. – Press release

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