To improve the effectiveness and flexibility of the Japan phytosanitary inspections procedure, CGA called together a small group to investigate the possibility of conducting phytosanitary inspections in PE and Cape Town during 2009. It was necessary to include representatives from DOA, PPECB, CGA, export agents and service providers in the discussion so that all aspects of the export process were covered. After initial talks it became clear that there was insufficient interest to warrant further consideration of the Cape Town option in 2009 and the focus moved to ensuring PE was ready to receive the Japanese inspector. In early June 2009 the first oranges destined for Japan came under the watchful eye of the Japanese inspector in PE. Although the volumes were somewhat limited, investing in the Japan Special Export Programme in this way has created more options and flexibility for growers and exporters going forward. It’s now up to them to embrace this opportunity! CGA would like to thank the DOA (particularly Kuben Naidoo), PPECB (particularly Bernard Henning), the Japan inspector (Mr Junji Matsumoto) and export agents (Capespan and SAFPRO), and FPT PE for their efforts to get this initiative off the ground.

DOA and PPECB officials accompany the Japanese Inspector during phytosanitary inspection in PE.

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