The FIFA World Cup soccer event is scheduled to take place during the peak of the citrus season. From Friday 11th June until Sunday 11th July matches are scheduled to take place, but it is anticipated that tourists will arrive two weeks ahead of time and remain in South Africa at least two weeks after the final game. Therefore we anticipate that during the June and July months a high number of tourists will be arriving and travelling on the roads within and around South African borders between host cities and tourist hotspots. In addition FIFA organisers, soccer teams and their family members will have exclusive use of dedicated lanes on road networks within host cities between airports, hotels and stadiums.

List of host cities:
• Polokwane – Peter Mokaba Stadium
• Nelspruit – Mbombela Stadium
• Tshwane – Loftus Versveld
• Johannesburg – Soccer City Stadium
• Johannesburg – Ellis Park Stadium
• Rustenburg – Royal Bafokeng Stadium
• Bloemfontein – Free State Stadium
• Durban – Moses Mabhida Stadium
• Port Elizabeth – Nelson Mandela Bay Stadium
• Cape Town – Green Point Stadium

A primary concern for the citrus export industry is host cities where logistics and infrastructure demands may be interrupted during the event. The supply of production materials as well as the product flow from packhouse to cold store facilities, fruit terminals and container terminals may be interrupted as a result of extensive road usage during this period. Polokwane and Nelspruit will host four events respectively while Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town will host eight events. Sandra Baetsen (FPEF) and Mitchell Brooke (CGA) held talks with the respective transport planning departments at the three port cities, the same resultant interruptions are anticipated at all three ports. FIFA organisers have predetermined requirements from each host city where host cities are compelled to adhere to these requirements.

General interruptions that can be expected:
1. Exclusive traffic lanes between airports, hotels and stadiums for FIFA and teams.
2. Increased traffic flow between host cities and tourist hotspots.
3. Restricted road access for articulated vehicles.

Expected interruptions during match days:
1. Exclusive traffic lanes between park and ride facilities and the stadiums or fan parks.
2. Within a 5 km radius all road networks are restricted.
3. Predetermined road closures within city limits for FIFA organisers and teams.

It has been confirmed that passenger ships will be operating from Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town ports. The One Ocean Club is one such tour operator that has chartered two Holland America visa class luxury cruise liners namely ms’ Noordam and mv’ Westerdam. These vessels are said to be berthing alongside the fruit terminals in Durban and Port Elizabeth and at a dedicated berth in Cape Town travelling on a predetermined schedule between these ports. It is anticipated that a degree of congestion can be expected at the entrance and exit areas adjacent to the fruit terminals.

As far as planning to minimise or reduce the disruption, some key considerations should be implemented:
1. Packhouses may need to research stock availability and increase inventory.
2. Packhouses are encouraged to utilise rail as far as possible. CGA are in the process of discussing the possibility of fruit hubs where fruit can be accumulated and transported to port by rail.
3. Maputo port may be an essential element to reduce citrus flow to Durban. Export volume to Europe markets from Maputo could be increased.
4. Where it is deemed necessary transportation should be carried out mostly at night to avoid day time traffic flow.
5. Container packing and deliveries to container terminals should be done mostly at night.

The CGA and FPEF will be hosting an industry presentation in February specifically to discuss contingency issues as far as citrus exports are concerned, an invitation will be sent to all industry stakeholders. More information can be found on the following websites and more specifically on municipal websites in host cities:
www.cga.co.za • www.oneoceanclub.com • www.durban.gov.za
www.polokwane.org.za • www.mbombela.gov.za
www.nelsonmandelabay.gov.za • www.capetown.gov.za
www.project2010.co.za • www.gameplan2010.com