



KEEPING IT FRESH



News from the FPEF – 29 January 2025

Dear FPEF Members,

One of the key functions of the FPEF is to provide you with regular and relevant information. We understand that the volume of updates may sometimes feel overwhelming, but we believe it's better to share more rather than less. To help you stay informed and organized, we are distributing this biweekly newsletter. It offers concise summaries of the most important information shared over the past two weeks, along with updates on key logistical matters and the latest developments.

Herewith then, the core of the information shared on:

- Membership
- Marketing and promotions
- Logistics and Operations
- Transformation

MEMBERSHIP



We would like to welcome the following **new members** to the FPEF:

- Van Zyl Agri Export (Pty) Ltd** – Exporter Category
- Directreefer (Pty) Ltd** – Associate Category

May your association with us be long and rewarding.



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Fruit Logistica Berlin 2025



Fruit Logistica Berlin takes place from **5 to 7 February 2025** at the **Messe Berlin**. The National Pavilion is funded by the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (**dtic**).

Stand number: Hall 26 Stand H-53

Tables will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, with some available for reservation. To book a table, please visit the reception desk during the show. If you use these tables, we kindly ask for your feedback on any business conducted at the event.

This information will help us improve future events and provide the government with valuable insights into the Return on Investment for their support of this initiative.

FPEF Cocktail Function

You are invited to a **cocktail party on Wednesday 5 February 2025 at 16h00 on the South African Pavilion**.

We would like to thank the following sponsors for making this event possible:

- **Contour Logistics**
- **Unifrutti SA**
- **SAFPRO**
- **GoReefers**
- **PPECB**
- **Freshgold SA Exports**
- **Grown4U**
- **LCL Logistics Southern Africa**



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The deciduous season

The deciduous season peak is in full swing and as temperatures increase, berg wind conditions are more prevalent leading to delays at the Cape Town terminals. To mitigate some of the delays, industry bodies (**FPEF, Hortgro, SATI, AGBIZ**) in collaboration with the **Western Cape Government**, procured additional gensets for the port to create a third stack. The aim is to reduce truck turn times and improve vessel productivity.

Transnet PSP

Last week Transnet Group CEO, **Adv Michelle Phillips** shared PSP (Private Sector Participation) plans with the media, amongst others.

- Manganese export terminal at Ngqura
- Project to upgrade the container corridor between Durban and Johannesburg
- Develop port and rail infrastructure for the automotive corridor between Pretoria and the Eastern Cape
- Dry bulk terminal at Richards Bay
- New Locomotive leasing company

The projects will be put out to market in the next six months. Notably absent is the Cape Town container terminals which Adv Phillips said is not part of her plans. This is in contrast with comments made by Minister Creecy in November 2024 that “nothing is off the table”.

Pier 2

The next court date for the ITCSI /APMT, Pier 2 tender is scheduled for **25th of March 2025**. If the court rules that the process must be restarted, then Adv Phillips would like to see the new private partnership unit that has been set up in the department of transport to take charge of the process. The business case would have to be reviewed.



Adv Michelle Phillips

Developments in Mozambique

The **Port of Maputo** is undergoing a significant expansion, with a project to increase its containerized cargo handling capacity from 255,000 to 530,000 TEUs by 2026. For context, Cape Town Container Terminal’s handling capacity is currently 1 million TEU’s. This expansion includes a \$164 million first phase, which will extend the quay, deepen the berth draft, and improve infrastructure to accommodate larger vessels. The aim is to position the port as a key regional shipping hub, especially as neighbouring South African ports face logistical challenges. The **Maputo Port Development Company (MPDC)**, is a consortium consisting of DP World, South Africa’s Grindrod and state-owned Mozambique rail operator Caminhos de Ferro de Moçambique and will manage the Port of Maputo under a concession lasting until 2058.



Kalmar Corporation has received an order to supply Mozambique’s Maputo Port Development Company (MPDC)

with four heavy forklifts, a medium forklift and five terminal tractors. The order was booked in Q4 2024 with all of the equipment expected to be delivered during Q3 2025.

Registration for Citrus Exporters

Philippines

Registration of **citrus exporters to the Philippines** is currently open for the 2025 season. The closing date for registration is **20 February 2025**. Please ensure that you received the registration documents from claudia@fpf.co.za. Once completed, submit the completed application to JeffM@Dalrrd.gov.za before the closing date.

General (Citrus)

The general registration for all citrus exporters for the 2025 season is not yet open. **The specific dates for the 2025 citrus exporter registrations will be announced by DALRRD in the upcoming weeks.** Last year, citrus exporter registration occurred between 26 February 2024 and 5 April 2024. In the weeks ahead, it is important that members monitor the communication from FPEF.

TRANSFORMATION



INTERACTIVE ONLINE FORMAT

fpéf FRUIT EXPORT TRAINING

TOP OF THE CLASS PROGRAMME (TOC)

The course content covers the fruit export value chain from field to fork and is aimed primarily at employees in junior to middle management positions within fruit export companies, packhouses and logistics companies. It is also a valuable training tool for emerging farmers and exporters. Participants will gain an excellent understanding of the whole value chain and additional knowledge and insight in their own area of responsibility. Topics covered include; quality management, compliance, cold chain management, primary production, packing and packaging, road, sea and air freight, documentation, consumers, markets and the role of exporters.

The full programme will be covered in 3 blocks of 2 days each (total 6 days).

First training:	20 - 21 May	3 - 4 June	17 - 18 June
Second training:	14 - 15 Oct	28 - 29 Oct	11 - 12 Nov
Where:	Interactive online format		
Cost:	R4 500 / person ex VAT for the full 6 days		

Book as a group or an individual to be grouped with other participants

For further information or to book please contact
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Until next time,
Anton Kruger