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Update: Amendments to the China Export protocol (Bilateral Export Protocol for Fresh Citrus Fruit from South Africa to the People's Republic of China)

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Further to Cutting Edge 437 regarding amendments to the China export protocol, this Cutting Edge serves as an update on recent developments.

On 10 April 2026, a protocol amendment was signed incorporating the following improved cold treatment options for fresh citrus fruit, excluding lemons:

- At or below -0.2°C for 16 consecutive days; or
- At or below 1.0°C for 19 consecutive days.

On Friday, 24 April 2026, the DoA issued a notification that the additional treatment options can be implemented, effective from 23 April 2026.

A one pager and the PPECB Handling Procedure explaining the handling and shipping conditions will be released soon.

Please note that the requirement for lemons remains unchanged: at or below 3°C for 18 consecutive days.

**Opdatering: Wysigings aan die China-
uitvoerprotokol (Bilaterale Uitvoerprotokol vir
Vars Sitrusvrugte vanaf Suid-Afrika na die
Volksrepubliek van China)**

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Verder tot Snykant 437 rakende wysigings aan die China-uitvoerprotokol, dien hierdie Snykant as 'n opdatering oor onlangse ontwikkelinge.

Op 10 April 2026 is 'n protokolwysiging onderteken wat die volgende verbeterde kouebehandelingsopsies vir vars sitrusvrugte, uitgesluit suurlemoene, insluit:

- Teen of onder -0.2°C vir 16 agtereenvolgende dae; of
- Teen of onder 1.0°C vir 19 agtereenvolgende dae.

Op Vrydag 24 April 2026 het die DoA 'n kennisgewing uitgereik dat die bykomende behandelingsopsies geïmplementeer kan word, effektief vanaf 23 April 2026.

'n "One-pager" en die PPECB Hanteringsprosedure wat die hanterings en verskepingsvereistes verduidelik, sal binnekort vrygestel word.

Let asseblief daarop dat die vereistes vir suurlemoene onveranderd bly: teen of onder 3°C vir 18 agtereenvolgende dae.