



# KEEPING IT FRESH **fpef** fresh produce EXPORTERS' FORUM SOUTH AFRICA

News from the FPEF – 11 January 2023

**Dear FPEF Members,**

Here we are already 11 days into 2023! May this year treat you well amidst challenges (which will unfortunately arise). From the FPEF staff's side, we want to assure you that we will continue to provide the necessary service and support to you.

In less than a month, the fruit industry from all over the world, will again gather in Berlin for **Fruit Logistica**. Through continuous engagements with the dtic (Department of Trade, Industry and Competition), they have eventually agreed to fund a National Pavilion.

This year the SA Pavilion will be in **Hall 26, stand no D54**. Should you require more information about participating in the event, please contact our Marketing Manager, Marletta Kellerman ([marletta@fpef.co.za](mailto:marletta@fpef.co.za)).

The **2023 edition** of our annual **Fresh Produce Export Directory** will be launched in Berlin. The digital format will be available from the **8<sup>th</sup> of February** on the FPEF website: [www.fpef.co.za](http://www.fpef.co.za)

## TRANSFORMATION



Our Graduate Placement programme continues to gain momentum and we have also appointed a graduate to assist us in our activities. She is **Jerusha Pillay** from Durban, who moved to Cape Town in December.

Initially she will focus on assisting with the PHI programme (Post-harvest Innovation) and financial activities. Jerusha holds a B. Comm degree, majoring in Finance and Economics.

**Welcome to the FPEF Jerusha!**



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# A Friendly Reminder

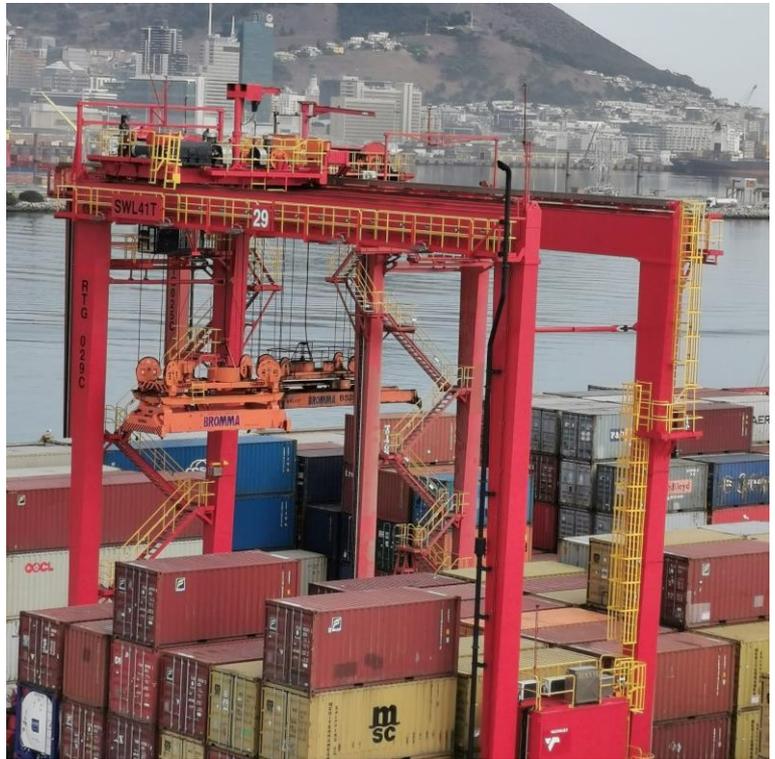
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A **BIG thank you** to all our members who have already paid their fees for 2023.

Herewith a **friendly reminder** to remaining members that all fees are due on or before **Tuesday, 31 January 2023.**

## LOGISTICS

This week, earmarked for recovery in Cape Town has met some challenges, fog and wind delays, full reefer stacks, the breakdown of LC1 and congestion in the port. TNPA has been working toward decongesting the port. The goal is to prevent container trucks without bookings from entering the port and to have trucks that arrive early wait for their booking slot in the staging area (should A-check be full). In theory, these are sound principals however the implementation over the festive season did not allow sufficient notice to industry and during a crucial time of our reefer peak. A meeting took place yesterday between TNPA, TPT, hauliers and FPEF and it was agreed to revert to the old procedure as of the 11<sup>th</sup> of January where trucks with bookings proceed directly to A-check and should A-check fill up, then the overflow will be directed to the staging area without a ticketing system.



Next, hauliers will provide feedback on port truck control proposals and provide input on how controls can be strengthened. In the background the procurement process is moving along to build a gate kiosk with network access to house a live link to the ports so that TNPA has access to the booking system. The target to implement the revised process is the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.

The Transnet Port Terminal Tariff will be available either this week or next for increases for the financial year starting 1 April 2023. With the fuel prices dropping adjustments will be made to port levies and the reduction will be seen in February levies.

Kind regards  
**Anton Kruger**



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