

FRESH NOTES

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**PACKHOUSE
ACTION GROUP**

Fresh Notes feedback of a Packhouse Action Group (PAG) meeting held on 28 October 2021

Contact details are listed at the bottom of the Fresh Notes.

Feedback on visits to PAG quick link on the Hortgro Website Contact: Elise-Marie Steenkamp

These are the top downloads:

- ▶ [CA Manual Revised \(31 January 2019\)](#) 81 downloads
- ▶ [Jaco Visagie - Trends in Container Technology and Supply](#) 73 downloads
- ▶ [Container Handling Procedures](#) 69 downloads
- ▶ [Fresh Notes 186 - PAG Feedback \(March 21\)](#) 69 downloads
- ▶ [Fresh Notes 182 – PAG Feedback \(November 20\)](#) 66 downloads

Moratorium on High-Cube Containers Contact: Jacques du Preez

There has been no movement by the Department of Transport (DoT). A work group is addressing the port challenges.

Update on Logistics Chain Efficiencies Contact: Jacques du Preez

Container & vessel availability will remain a problem for the foreseeable future. Containers not being connected to the power supply for 2 hours or more was becoming an increasing occurrence. The matter has been taken up with the port authorities by FPEF and the other FruitSA members.

Hortgro Post-Harvest Webinar Contact: Prof W Steyn

the Hortgro Post-Harvest webinar will be held on 30th November. This will include presentations on Packhouse Action Group and CA Storage topics.

Market Access Feedback Contact: Jacques du Preez / Lindi Benic

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Mexico

The Mexican program has been completed with low volumes.

Taiwan

There was some confusion regarding the orchard and packhouse lists, but the new list has been adopted now. Producers are advised to register all their orchards, even newly planted orchards.

Research required towards future pear market access is continuing.

India

In-transit cold treatment has now been approved for apples and pears, though there is a 2-month WTO notification period. Gazetting is expected by mid-November.

China

There has been some promising movements related to pear market access.

Thailand

Despite bilateral communications between DALRRD and Thai authorities, there is no movement yet on market access.

Local Market Requirements

Contact: Jacques du Preez

Hortgro has signed an agreement with Prokon on behalf of the industry to conduct local market inspections. Invoicing would be to Hortgro and not directly to growers, packhouses and marketers.

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