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To Whom it May Concern

### FRUIT REJECTED IN R.S.A. BECAUSE OF PHYTOSANITARY PESTS

Dear Madam/ Sir

It has come to our attention that suppliers or packers of fruit destined for markets with specific phytosanitary requirements are under the wrong impression that consignments rejected for actionable pests such as False Codling Moth (FCM) can be repacked and presented again for these markets.

As the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO), Directorate Plant Health together with Directorate Agricultural Product Inspection Services (APIS) hereby officially confirms that the relevant rejection principle that the DoA applies is as follows:

- A consignment destined for a market with special phytosanitary requirements and rejected for an actionable pest such as FCM after official phytosanitary inspection by DoA APIS, shall not be repacked and presented again for that market.
- Further, a consignment rejected for an actionable pest such as FCM after phytosanitary inspection shall not be presented for phytosanitary inspection for another market that lists the same organism for which the consignment has been rejected, e.g. FCM, as an actionable/ quarantine pest.

Yours faithfully

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