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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### NOTIFICATION ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ECERTIFICATION SYSTEM BY THE NATIONAL PLANT PROTECTION ORGANISATION OF SOUTH AFRICA (NPPOZA) PLATFORM FOR ISSUANCE OF PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES

South Africa has developed an electronic system for export certification (eCertification). The National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa (NPPOZA) resumed with the issuance of ePhytos from 1 November 2019 on the platform for Table grapes destined to countries that accepts ePhytos. The eCertification system further required introduction of a new template of the paper based phytosanitary certificate.

This letter serves as a formal notification that the new template (see attached) of phytosanitary certificates shall be used together with the old template until end of March 2020. Starting from 1 April 2020, ePhytos and the new paper based template shall be in use for all Plant Commodities. Thus, the current paper based phytosanitary certification will still be applicable for South African exports.

Yours Sincerely

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