

SA citrus trade with the EU

A Snapshot: February 2017



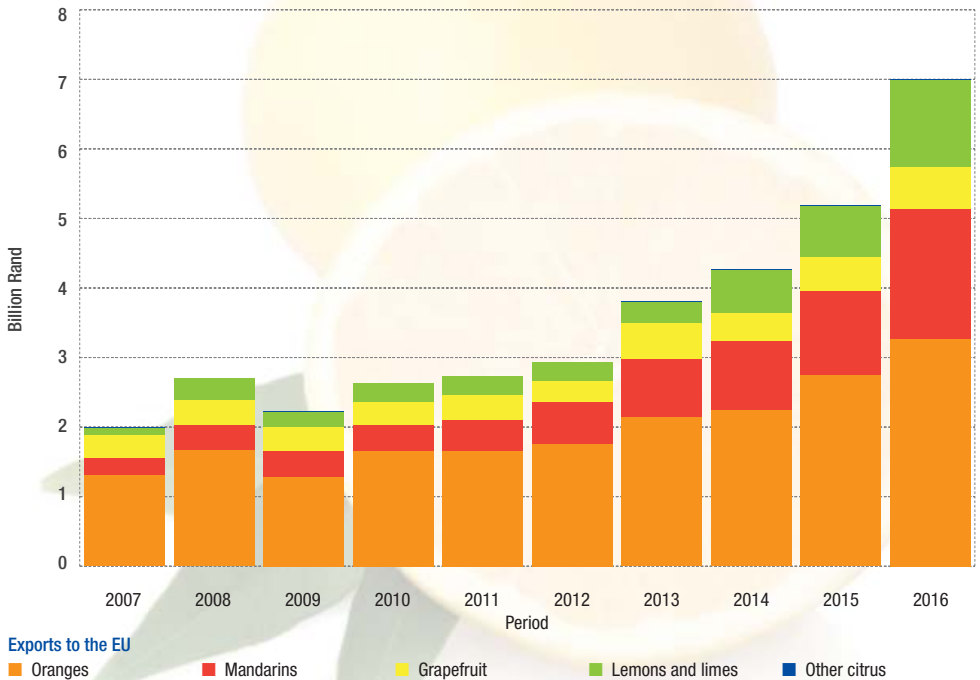
The EU – a growing and reliable market for South African citrus exports

- ▲ South African citrus exports to the EU have grown steadily over the past 10 years.
- ▲ This growth trend has continued despite the presence of citrus black spot (CBS) in parts of South Africa.
- ▲ South African citrus exports more than tripled to almost R7 billion in 2016 from under R2 billion in 2007.
- ▲ Exports to the EU accounted for 40% of all South African citrus exports in 2016.
- ▲ The trade balance in citrus fruit weighs heavily in favour of South Africa.
- ▲ In 2016, EU fruit imports into South Africa represented only 0.4% of the South African exports to the EU.
- ▲ Exports to the EU contribute to the transformation of the citrus sector in South Africa by creating new opportunities for emerging and previously disadvantaged growers.
- ▲ The EU has committed to provide development cooperation funding to support small and medium enterprises, including in the agro-food sector, as from 2017.



South Africa citrus fruit exports to the EU

(Billion Rand)



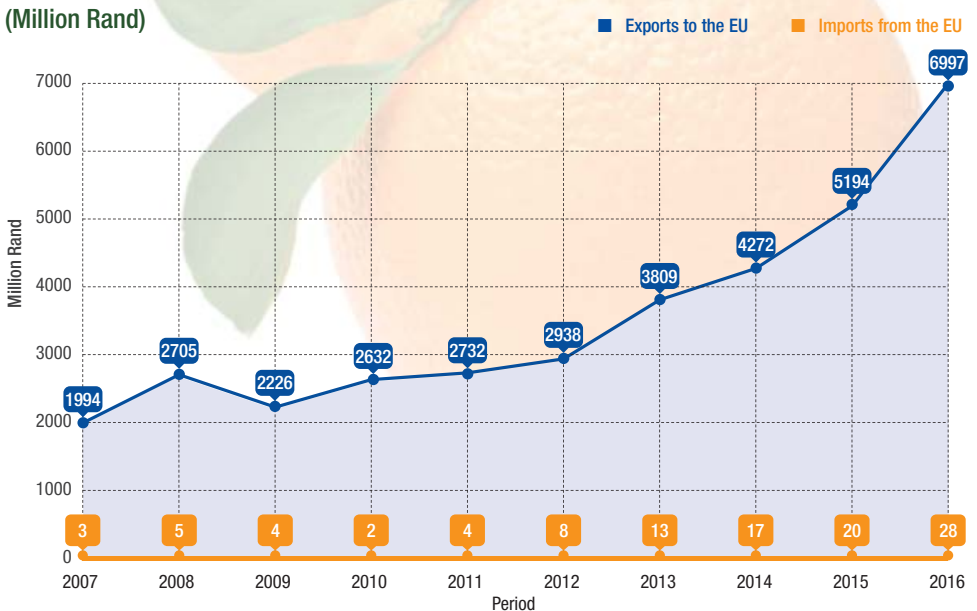
Taking a good relationship further: the SADC-EU EPA

- ▲ The EU has been South Africa's main trading partner since 2000 under the Trade, Development and Cooperation Agreement.
- ▲ A new Southern African Development Community (SADC)-EU Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) entered into effect in October 2016.
- ▲ Improved market access for oranges and lemons is a major feature of the SADC-EU EPA.
- ▲ The EPA strengthens parties' commitment towards sustainable development in agriculture.
- ▲ Improved tariff rate quotas (TRQs) for frozen orange juice.
- ▲ No export subsidies under EPA – levelling the playing field.

Tackling sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) issues

- ▲ EU plant health Directive 2000/29/EC details the EU protective measures against the introduction of organisms harmful to plants or plant products.
- ▲ Better Training for Safer Food (BTSF) – EU training strategy on plant health rules. Training open to non-EU countries.
- ▲ While differences remain on CBS-associated risks, South Africa's compliance has been steadily improving, in tandem with growing trade.
- ▲ Under the SADC-EU EPA, the partnership aims to limit and manage risks and facilitate trade.
- ▲ Cooperation on SPS with all the SADC-EU EPA countries will be stronger.
- ▲ Under the SADC-EU EPA, citrus is a priority product for cooperation on SPS.

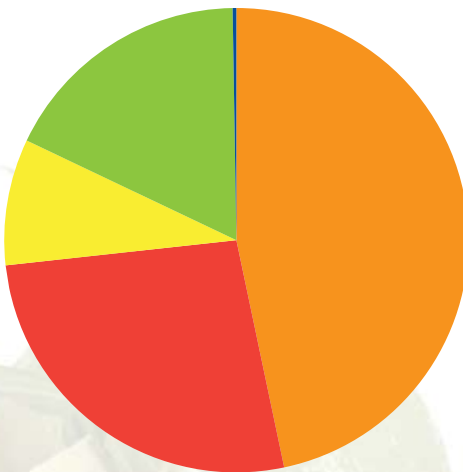
South Africa citrus fruit trade balance with the EU



South Africa citrus fruit exports to the EU in 2016

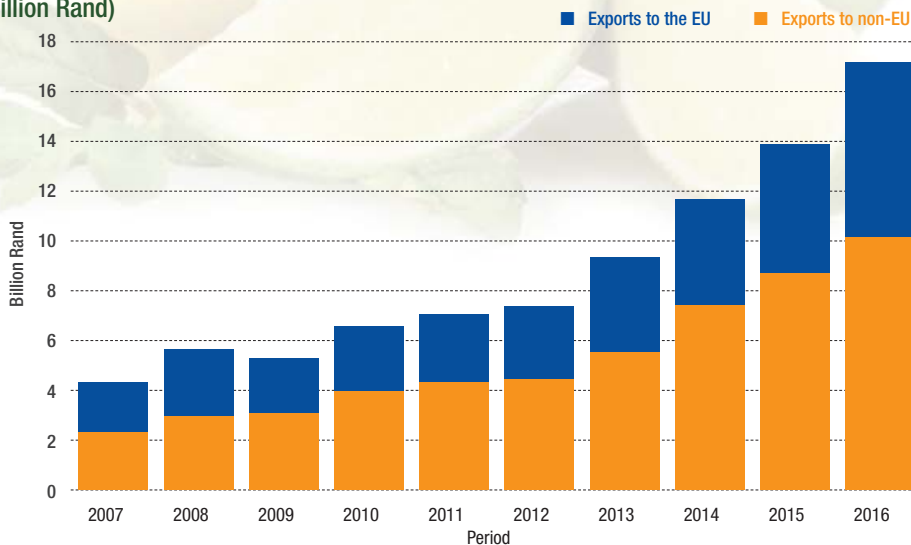
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47%	Oranges	R3 267
26%	Mandarins	R1 859
18%	Lemon and Limes	R1 237
9%	Grapefruit	R615
0%	Other citrus	R18



South Africa citrus fruit exports: EU vs non-EU

(Billion Rand)



Data source: EU and SA Department of Trade and Industry

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