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**Second and last notification to Chilean Exporters re
exportation of Cripps Pink and Rosy Glow apples
to European Union and United Kingdom.**

Dear Chilean Exporters

We hope that the current situation with the Covid-19 sanitary measures doesn't affect too much the packing and the shipping activities in Chile, and that Chilean growers will be able in the coming days to well manage the Cripps Pink and the Rosy Glow harvest. Here in Europe, the situation is quite complicated in packing and logistic, but the distribution of apples is still active. Some seasonal crops are more affected by the lack of workers notably.

Early this month, we have informed you about the very concerning situation of Cripps Pink growers who have not respected their commitments and obligations regarding the Cripps Pink trees certification program.

Basically, last month, 61 Cripps Pink growers (on a total of 323 who have entered in the protocol initially) were still to pay the second payment installment.

Some of them were surprised by the situation, but everyone has to remember that, for facilitating the participation to the protocol, STAR FRUITS has not only accepted to apply the lower fee level, but also has accepted the payment in 2 times.

Therefore, considering all the compromise made by STAR FRUITS, but also to be fair and equitable with growers who have fulfilled their obligations, we have decided

1. To suspend unilaterally, according to the TANPA terms and conditions, the authorization of those growers / CSG to export their Cripps Pink apples to the EU and UK

2. To publish the list and advise export companies on the risks they are taking by shipping Cripps Pink fruits of those growers / CSG to the EU and UK

Since then, the situation has progressed, and we would like to thank all of those who have intervened in the process.

But to date, there still 33 suspended CSG for a total of trees of XXX (i.e. 10 % of the total number of trees certified).

As the first crop and first packing are coming soon, we would like to friendly remind you that **Cripps Pink apples of Suspended CSG will be automatically rejected out of the EU and the UK if they are identified prior the arrival, and importers will be sued for irregular imports and breach of Cripps Pink Plant Variety Rights if such fruits are found in their warehouses, in the supply chain, or in their commercial documents, which will certainly have an impact on the exporter(s) and the grower(s) involved.**

This message will be relayed to licensed importers in EU and UK to make sure they are not involved in infringing activities.

They will certainly require to their Chilean suppliers all necessary information to make sure their legal responsibility is not exposed

STAR FRUITS will also have to aware APAL to exercise all necessary control at source (in the packing and on the export documentation) to make sure that no fruits from unauthorized CSG are packed and shipped in PINK LADY cartons, which will constitute a serious breach of the PINK LADY export license, for those of the Chilean exporters who are the beneficiary of the trademark license.

Therefore, we kindly invite you:

a) To look after the list attached of "Suspended CSG" to make sure that none of your growers are concerned

If some of them are still on the "Suspended CSG" list, we invite you to incite them to urgently correct their position by making immediately their second payment

b) To be very careful with the packers you are working with that they are not engaging packing of Cripps Pink apples from those CSG for exporting the EU and UK

This will be the last reminder from STAR FRUITS' side.

There will be no additional formal update of Authorized and Suspended CSG lists

However, **we remind you that official lists are regularly updated and accessible at any time on <https://www.crippspinktreeschile.com/>**

Considering the situation, STAR FRUITS in the EU and COREGEO in the UK will engage strict controls at the arrival, and will require permanently licensed importers to report evidences on the regular origin of the Cripps Pink and Rosy Glow fruits they are importing in Europe and UK.

We take the opportunity of this last communication to remind that the **best opportunity for Chilean exporters to limit their commercial exposure with EU and UK Importers, as well as to limit the constraints generated by controls of exports and imports, is to engage with STRA FRUITS in the Cripps Pink / Rosy Glow / Lady In Red export compliance program by engaging in the Cripps Pink / Rosy Glow / Lady In Red Certificate.**

You will find attached again the 2020 redesigned certificate. Please return it simply by e-mail, completed, initialized on each page and signed, to lina.lezeau@star-fruits.com.

The list of certified Exporters is permanently accessible on <https://www.crippspinktreeschile.com/> as well.

There are lots of uncertainties on the coming export season.

STAR FRUITS would wish to offer Chilean Exporters and EU & UK licensed Importers, the best opportunities to secure the environment regarding respect of Plant Variety Rights for fruits arriving in EU and UK.

STAR FRUITS has tried to develop the most simplified process as much as we can.

It's really for Chilean Growers and Exporters to engage with the protocols proposed by STAR FRUITS to secure their business when exporting Cripps Pink and its mutations to EU and UK, and to minimize the uncertainties that are already affecting the business.

We are happy to help, but we need also the complete commitment of the Chilean Cripps Pink / Rosy Glow / lady In Red industry, and all individual players, to reduce all kind of uncertainties when exporting fruits to EU and UK.

Sincerely,

Renaud PIERSON,

SFC Manager

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and lines, positioned below the printed name and title.

Annex: List of suspended CSG numbers

CSG number	Authorization
88768	Suspended
89133	Suspended
89135	Suspended
89149	Suspended
89340	Suspended
89349	Suspended
89514	Suspended
89612	Suspended
91740	Suspended
92665	Suspended
92666	Suspended
93210	Suspended
93806	Suspended
93937	Suspended
94669	Suspended
94901	Suspended
95828	Suspended
95841	Suspended
95851	Suspended
96099	Suspended
97416	Suspended
101275	Suspended
102470	Suspended
108308	Suspended
110160	Suspended
115012	Suspended
118772	Suspended
118912	Suspended
119962	Suspended
122700	Suspended
151004	Suspended
152483	Suspended
173340	Suspended