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Results of Cripps Pink and Rosy Glow Tree Declaration Period.

The opportunity to declare Cripps Pink and Rosy Glow trees ended on the 30th of November as planned. Star Fruits and ANA would like to thank all those growers who participated in the process. The tree totals are:

- Cripps Pink trees; 3,399,824 of which 2,121,979 were new declarations
- Rosy Glow trees; 2,624,205 of which 814,746 are unlicensed, this equates to 31% of the plantings being unlicensed.

The result in regard to unlicensed Rosy Glow trees is surprising and hugely disappointing in regard to the lack of respect for the PVR rights of this variety in Chile.

The next part of the process is a final review of the documents received in regard to Cripps Pink and completion of the Tree Authorisation and Non-Propagation Agreements (TANPA) and the Tree Authorisation Notices (TAN) that will be issued for each CSG Number. We are on target to complete all this, and Star Fruits Chile will issue the invoices for the first half of the fees owed for the Cripps Pink trees declared by 31 March 2019, as planned.

Growers that have declared unlicensed Rosy Glow trees will receive their licence agreements, invoices for the royalties owed and the TAN directly from ANA.

Renaud Pierson from Star Fruits and Garry Langford, the project coordinator on behalf of Star Fruits, were in Chile during January. A key part of the visit was the planning of the verification process (orchard audits) and the development of the system for the monitoring of shipments of Cripps Pink and Rosy Glow apples from Chile to the EU and UK. Its planned that this monitoring system will be operating for the coming season.

Growers should be aware that the first verifications of orchards will be completed during the 2019 harvest season, from late March until the end of May. Star Fruits and ANA are aiming to audit a minimum of 50% of the declarations made. The balance of the declarations will be completed in the next one to two years. In addition to verifying declarations where insufficient or incomplete information was provided there will also be a focus on Cripps Pink trees declared as being planted since 2012. In all other production areas where Cripps Pink mutations (CPM's) have become commercially available the licenced nurseries and growers have moved to these CPM's in one to two years. The high number of unlicensed Rosy Glow trees that were declared indicates quite clearly that the situation in Chile is likely to mirror what has occurred elsewhere.

The discovery of trees that are Rosy Glow and not Cripps Pink will result in termination of the TANPA and the TAN. As well, undeclared trees that constitute more than a 2% variation from the original tree declaration numbers for both varieties will also result in termination of the TANPA and TAN in regard to Cripps Pink and the TAN issued by ANA for Rosy Glow trees.

If a grower has any doubts about if their Cripps Pink trees are in fact Rosy Glow trees then they should contact Decofrut before the orchard audit process begins in late March. Growers should also be aware that given the high level of communication from Star Fruits and ANA in regard to the consequences of a false declaration Star Fruits and ANA reserve their rights to consider, or not, any corrections to a declaration that a grower has made. If changes to a grower declaration are accepted it will be on new terms set by Star Fruits and ANA.

At this point in time Star Fruits has not licenced any nurseries or growers to produce Cripps Pink trees for planting in Chile from which harvested fruit could be shipped to the EU and UK. If this situation in regard to Cripps Pink does change then Star Fruits will advise growers but to be clear, at this point in time no further declarations of Cripps Pink trees will be accepted.

The only source of licenced trees for planting in Chile are the nurseries licensed by ANA to produce Rosy Glow trees. On this basis if nurseries or growers, other than the ANA licenced nurseries, have Cripps Pink trees for delivery to growers in the winter of 2019 or are planning to bud Cripps Pink trees in February of 2019, these nurseries and growers need to be aware that these trees will not be authorised by Star Fruits.

Thanks again to all those growers who supported the process.

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