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Representation in National Technical Committees

FPEAK attended the following meetings in the months of October, November & December. We continue to represent member interests in the various advisory and technical committees of the horticulture industry.

The committees include:

- **The Horticulture Competent Authority Structure (HCAs);**
  Discussions revolved around interceptions/notifications of fresh produce in the market place and the role of KEPHIS and other government agencies to facilitate Kenya in accessing new markets and trade in terms of Sanitary and Phytosanitary requirements.

- **The committee on National Traceability System;**
  The audit of the National Traceability System is set to commence soon through the support of RTI who have pledged to see the project through. We will update you on the progress of the audit.

- **Technical Committee on Minor Crop Agrochemical Extrapolation;**
  FPEAK together with Pesticides Control Products Board (PCPB), Agrochemicals Association of Kenya (AAK) and Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS) are working to extrapolate agrochemicals to have pesticides registered/ include in labels for minor crops.

Future of Food Conference 2018

The Kenya Private Sector Alliance, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation organized a two-day conference on the “Future of Food 2018” at the Safari Park Hotel, Nairobi from 19th -20th November, 2018.

The aim of the conference was to have an insightful and forward-looking discussion about the Big Four’s agenda on Food and Nutrition Security focusing on farm inputs and skills, production and market access as well as to identify investment prospects and what needs to be done to build a dynamic economy. The outcomes of the conference would then provide recommendations to be adopted by both Government and the Private Sector and create an opportunity for the horticulture sector to plug in.

The Conference brought together top business leaders in private sector, economists, government officials, academics and other important opinion makers. Over 30 speakers from over 12 countries and 160 participants attended the conference.
Perishables and Logistics Africa Conference 2018.

The second edition of Perishable Logistics Africa (PLA) was held at Radisson Blu Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme “Collaboration: The Road Ahead to Improve Logistics for Africa’s Perishable Produce” amplified the call to create industry collaborations to improve Africa’s perishable exports through better logistics network and cold chain infrastructure.

The agenda discussed the impact of supply chain changes on perishables carried through air, how global trade agreements can change the appearance of Africa’s perishable export, and how mergers and collaborations impact logistics business.

The conference brought together global and regional providers of cold chain logistics, transport services and infrastructure, perishable producers and shippers. The platform also provided participants to identify new opportunities that will allow African exporters to compete in global markets.
Development of KS 1758 Implementation Tools.

FPEAK and other stakeholders (HCD, KEPHIS, KALRO, Min of Agri, KEBS, KHC, FPC and private consultants) have developed the KS758 implementation tools to help growers comply with the standard. Draft Documents developed so far include:

- KS1758 Scheme Rules and Regulation
- KS1758 training manual.

Training & Implementation of the standard will commence soon.

GlobalG.A.P. National Technical Working Group Kenya

FPEAK is a member of GLOBALGAP and hosts the GLOBALGAP National Technical working group. The NTWG has developed the GLOBALGAL Risk assessment on social Practice (GRASP) National interpretation Guidelines (NIG) and submitted to GLOBALGAP. This will help growers and users who want to be certified on social aspects for GlobalG.A.P.
FPEAK together with Pesticides Control Products Board (PCPB), Agrochemicals Association of Kenya (AAK) and Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Services (KEPHIS) are working to extrapolate agrochemicals to have pesticides registered/ include in labels for minor crops.

So far 36 Permits on minor crops issued by PCPB as follows in the months of October to November.

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Soluble Fertilizer Status
Fresh Produce Exporters Association of Kenya (FPEAK) together with Fresh Produce Consortium - Kenya (FPC Kenya) and Kenya Flower Council (KFC) have been engaging the government to solve the challenge of releasing soluble fertilizer from the Port of Mombasa.

We are confident that the underlying issues will be solved going forward.

Use of Plastic Tubings for Seedling Propagation
National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) has extended the use of plastic tubings for seedling propagation from 31st December 2018 to 31st December 2019.

You are required to label the plastic tubings and ensure effective take back mechanisms are put in place with periodic monitoring to ensure that they are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

You are also required to make applications for the continued use of plastic tubings for seedling propagation and submit the forms to NEMA. The forms are available on www.nema.go.ke
Upcoming Events

KNCCI Trade Week
18th - 22nd February 2019
Nairobi, Kenya

KEPSA Finland Seminar
March 2019
Norfork Hotel, Nairobi, Kenya

Agribusiness Middle East Exhibition
5th - 7th March 2019
Dubai World Trade Centre, Dubai, UAE

Eldoret ASK Show
7th - 10th March 2019
Eldoret, Kenya

Embu ASK Show
15th - 17th March 2019
Embu, Kenya

Hortiflora Expo 2019
13th - 15th March 2019
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Documentation cases include: Phyto. cert. / Plant passport: copy / Duplicata not endorsed | Phyto. cert.: additional declaration missing | Phyto. cert. / plant passport: incomplete | Phyto. cert. / plant passport: plant not included | Prohibited plants, plants products or other objects | Phyto. cert. / plant passport: false information

Harmful Organisms include: Thaumatotibia Leucotreta | Liriomyza Huidobrensis | Bemisia Tabaci

Horticultural Export Volume & Value Statistics, 2018

Total Volume for 2018 is 303,514,422.11 kgs
Total Value for 2018 is Ksh. 153,681,470,719

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