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3RD QUARTER ACTIVITIES | JULY - SEPTEMBER 2022

This newsletter presents activities and events that FPEAK was involved in for the months of July, August & September 2022.



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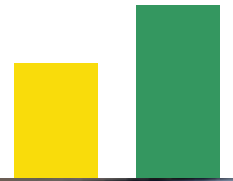
GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOT WATER TREATMENT FACILITY AT NAIROBI HORTICULTURAL CENTRE

Kenyan mangoes have had a challenge accessing the export market due to infestation by fruit fly which is a notifiable pest in the EU. As part of the strategies to have Kenyan mangoes exported to the EU and UK, FPEAK participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of the hot water treatment at the Horticultural Crops Directorate, JKIA on 7th July 2022.

This facility is expected to support in post-harvest management of fruit fly to enhance the export of Kenyan mangoes to the EU after the country lifted the self-imposed ban on Mango export. The ceremony was presided by the Cabinet Secretary – Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Cooperatives, Hon. Peter Munya. The hot water treatment facility is supposed to facilitate Kenyan exporters to export mangoes to the EU and UK.

FPEAK will keep you posted on the progress of the Hot Water Treatment facility.



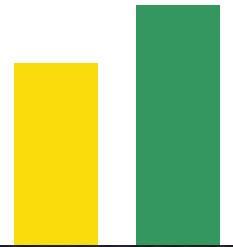


ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC DIPLOMACY FOR FOOD SAFETY

FPEAK participated in a roundtable discussion on food safety and efforts directed at influencing citizenry and civil society in Kenya to advocate for food safety for all. The meeting was held on 14th July 2022 at Mövenpick Hotel & Residences, Nairobi, Kenya.

FPEAK emphasized on farmers and traders are keen to export safe food to the international markets since importing countries have set very strict compliance regulations and private standards aimed at protecting their citizens.

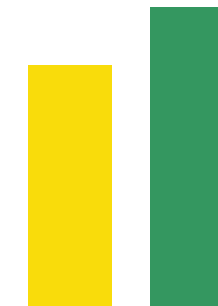
FPEAK also notes that there is a lot to be done for the local market and this is demonstrated in her participation in developing and rolling out of the KS 1758:2016 – Horticulture code of Practice to the various actors in the horticulture value chains.



NATIONAL HORTICULTURE TASKFORCE CONSULTATIVE MEETING

The NHT discussed and developed a stakeholder approach in addressing the increasing concern of Kenya beans and peas interceptions due to MRLs and cases of FCM in roses at Hilton Garden Inn, JKIA, Nairobi on 21st July 2022. where insights on the National Horticulture Traceability System (NHTS) were shared.

It was agreed that all exporters of beans and peas should ensure that their farms (including outgrowers) are certified on at the bare minimum to KS 1758:2016 Horticulture code of Practice part 2 – fruits and vegetables by 31st October 2022 and they should all belong to a recognized industry association.



KS1758:2016 – PART 2: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES STAKEHOLDERS TRAINING

FPEAK was contracted by RTI-KCDMS facilitate the rollout of KS 1758:2016 part 2: Fruits and Vegetables to the counties where the KCDMS program is running, i.e., Makueni, Kitui, Taita Taveta, Kakamega, Bungoma, Busia, Vihiga, Migori, Homa Bay, Kisumu, Siaya and Kisii counties.

Activity	Achievement
Awareness on KS 1758:2016 part 2 – fruits and vegetables	Over 300 county agricultural officers reached
ToT Session	37 county agricultural officers trained
Stakeholder Training	Over 360 stakeholders trained on KS 1758:2016. Stakeholders were drawn from the horticulture sector across the country

The KS 1758:2016 standard addresses aspects on food safety, plant health, worker welfare & health and environmental management. All actors in the horticulture value chain are expected to comply to the standard for licensing. FPEAK will keep conducting such trainings to her members as well as other industry stakeholders.

KS1758:2016 – PART 2: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES STAKEHOLDERS TRAINING



Participants pose for a group photo during KS1758-Part 2 training at Lau Guest House, Machakos County.



Participants pose for a group photo during KS1758-Part 2 training at Nakuru Agricultural Training Centre, Nakuru town



KS1758 – Part 2 Stakeholders Participants pose for a group photo during KS1758-Part 2 training at Coast Institute of Technology, Voi town



KS1758 – Part 2 Stakeholders Participants pose for a group photo during KS1758-Part 2 training at Farmview Hotel, Busia town

KS1758:2016 – PART 2: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES STAKEHOLDERS TRAINING



FPEAK Trainer takes participants through a session during one of the training sessions.



Participants follow proceedings during KS1758-Part 2 training at Kaguru Agricultural Training Centre, Meru County



Participants pose for a group photo during KS1758-Part 2 training at African Institute of Capacity Development (AICAD) in Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology (JKUAT)



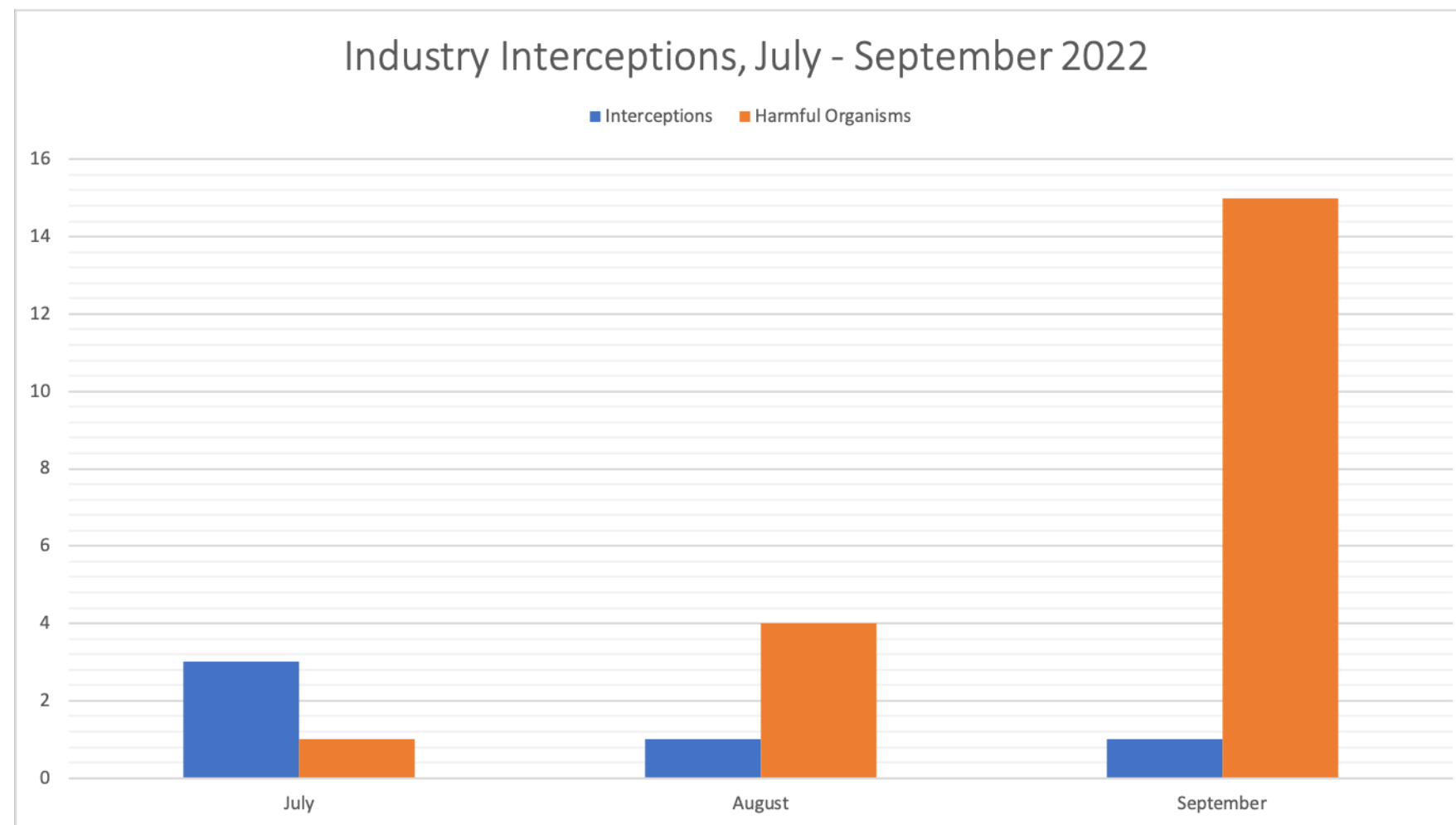
MEETING WITH UAE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

FPEAK CEO, Mr. Hosea Machuki met with the UAE Minister of State for Foreign Trade, H.E. Dr. Thani Ahmed Al Zeyoudi and his team on 28th July 2022. In the meeting, the Minister and FPEAK have agreed to;

- Hold B2B virtual and physical meetings between FPEAK members and UAE retailers and importing companies to ensure FPEAK members expand their businesses. This will ensure members only deal with credible companies within UAE.
- FPEAK will share a list of rogue UAE companies that have refused to pay FPEAK members for the ministry to follow up. Those who are yet to share their cases with FPEAK are encouraged to do so.
- UAE intends to be a top distributor of Kenyan flowers within the Asian region. This will facilitate FPEAK members to have steady and reliable market for cut flowers and ornamentals.
- The Minister will help organize a meeting with Emirates Airlines to facilitate discussions on freight with a view to reduce freight cost.

FPEAK continues to engage with the UAE and other market players to facilitate market access for our members.

INDUSTRY STATISTICS



Documentation cases include: Additional Declaration Missing | Plant Passport: Incomplete | Plant Passport:copy/ Duplicata Not Endorsed | Incorrect Identity Declared On Documents | False Information

Harmful Organisms include: Thaumatotibia leucotreta | Scirtothrips aurantii |



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