



# AILIMPO WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

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***"One must seek to retain the friendship and benevolence of those who govern and win over those in authority with humility, modesty and good offices" (Ignacio de Loyola)***

## 103 PLANT HEALTH INTERCEPTIONS IN CITRUS IMPORTED THIS SUMMER IN THE EU

The EU EUROPHYT/TRACES system has counted 103 lots of citrus fruit imported into the EU with quarantine pests that are fortunately not present in the EU. These lots have been rejected by the official European inspection services. The entry of these pests obviously poses a very high risk to European citrus production.

Unfortunately, the European information system offers very little detailed information, and we do not know the ports where the detections have occurred, the volume of fruit rejected, or the destination of these batches (destruction or re-export to non EU markets). **By countries, South Africa stands out with 61 detections (41 of them of Citrus Black Spot), followed by Brazil with 18, Zimbabwe with 9, Argentina with 7, Tunisia with 6, and Uruguay and Egypt with 1 respectively.**

**October remains a critical month for South Africa, with 16 detections of Citrus Black Spot.** Late citrus shipments, which collapse the European market and hinder the start of the Spanish season, are also an element of high phytosanitary risk, since 40% of the detections of Black Spot occur in this month. **The conclusion for South Africa is clear: they have to finish their export season to Europe much earlier**



## THE CITRUS CONGRESS IS ABOUT TO START!!

The World Citrus Organisation (WCO) Secretariat, together with its partners CIRAD and Fruitnet Media International, is finalising preparations towards the second edition of the Global Citrus Congress, which will take place on 16 and 17 November 2021. **The virtual event**, which managed to gather over 1000 delegates from across the globe in its first edition in 2020, **will once again bring together the citrus community to discuss the current trends, challenges, and opportunities for the citrus sector.**

The opening session of the first day (Tuesday 16 November) will provide an in-depth discussion on production and marketing trends, including a panel discussion with key producing countries over the ongoing Northern Hemisphere 2021 citrus season. During the second day of the congress (Wednesday 17 November), 3 regional modules will zoom into specific issues of the citrus business in Asia, Europe, and North America. Asia's module will focus on key market developments and branding trends. The European track of the Congress will in turn discuss post-harvest trends in citrus as well as on citrus consumption trends and promotion strategies with key market leaders from across the chain. Finally, the North America's section will delve into the US citrus market trends with a focus on easy peelers, lemons, and limes.



## GRAPEFRUIT, AN UNDISCOVERED GEM

Grapefruit has always been considered a fruit with a large number of beneficial functional properties for the organism due to its rich chemical composition. However, many of these effects have been assumed to be true more by tradition than by specific studies. **AILIMPO has conducted a literature review of the scientific evidence on functionality and biological effectiveness.**

Several studies have established **beneficial effects for the cardiovascular system, as well as for the treatment of diabetes and the prevention of gastric lesions and have also confirmed its popularly attributed effects as a dietary agent, as it is capable of reducing fat and cholesterol levels, as well as producing an effective weight loss.**

We will shortly be presenting a full report detailing this evidence, which allows us to discover a jewel for our diet and our health.

