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**QUESTION 981**

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**981. Mr N P Masipa (DA) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development:**

With regard to the Agriculture and Agro-processing Master Plan (AAMP) that plans to accelerate the opening of markets and better access conditions, (a) will she furnish Mr N P Masipa with a list of markets that were opened since 2019 and (b) what changes in conditions regarding market access were made to date as a result of the AAMP; if not, why not; if so, on what date?  **NW1224E**

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, LAND REFORM AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT:**

**Plant and Animal Products Export Markets from 2019 to date:**

(a) **Markets opened since 2019**

* Market access for the export of South African Pears to China was granted in 2021 and the protocol of sanitary and phytosanitary requirements for the export of pears from the Republic of South Africa to the People’s Republic of China was signed on 30 November 2021. The implementation date for the signed protocol was confirmed to be 17 January 2022.
* Market access for the export of South African Citrus to the Philippines was granted in 2020. The protocol was signed on 20 July 2020.
* Poultry meat market access to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) was granted in 2019.
* The market for the export of raw beef to Malaysia was opened. The Malaysian Veterinary Authority approved an abattoir to start exporting in October 2020.
* Wool, hides and skins were exported to the People’s Republic of China after a new health certificate was negotiated in 2020.
* Live cattle, sheep, and goat health certificates were negotiated with Botswana in 2020.

(b) **Changes in conditions regarding market access made to date:**

The revised protocol of phytosanitary requirements for the export of South African citrus fruit to China was signed on 18 June 2021. South Africa has been exporting citrus to China under a protocol that was bilaterally agreed upon and signed on 21 June 2006. Under this protocol, the potential risk of a false codling moth (FCM), a pest of quarantine concern to the People’s Republic of China, was addressed through a cold treatment regime of 24 days at 0.6°C in transit which was not ideal for lemons. Currently, under the revised protocol, cold treatment for lemons will be 3°C or below for not less than 18 consecutive days.

* **Re-opened markets since 2019:** Botswana, ESwatini and Namibia have been re-opened.
* **Poultry Meat markets in the process of negotiation**: Saudi Arabia and the United Kingdom.
* **Beef markets re-opened since 2019** inAngola, Bahrain, Botswana, China, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Lesotho, Mozambique, Qatar, Seychelles, eSwatini, UAE and Zimbabwe.

**New Markets Opened for Imports**

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| **YEAR** | **COMMODITY** | **EXPORT COUNTRY** |
| 2022 | Avocado fresh fruit (*Persea americana*) | Tanzania |
| 2022 | Mango fresh fruit (*Mangifera indica*)  | Peru |
| 2021 | Avocado fresh fruit (*Persea americana*) for processing  | Tanzania |
| 2021 | Apple fresh fruit (*Malus* spp.) | Lesotho  |
| 2021 | Mango fresh fruit (*Mangifera indica*)  | India |
| 2020 | Mango fresh fruit (*Mangifera indica*) | Egypt |
| 2020 | Pineapple fresh fruit (*Ananas comosus)* | Angola |
| 2019 | Citrus fresh fruit (*Citrus* spp.) | Morocco  |
| 2019 | Mango fresh fruit (*Mangifera indica*) | Brazil |
| 2019 | Citrus fresh fruit (*Citrus* spp.) for processing | Spain |
| 2019 | Mango fresh fruit (*Mangifera indica*)  | Spain |

**Revised Phytosanitary Import Requirements (Plant Products)**

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| **YEAR** | **COMMODITY** | **EXPORT COUNTRY** |
| 2022 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Mozambique |
| 2022 | Mango fresh fruit (*Mangifera indica*)  | Namibia |
| 2021 | Pepper (*Capsicum* spp.) | Namibia |
| 2021 | Watermelon (*Citrullus* spp.) | Namibia |
| 2021 | Melon and cucumber (*Cucumis* spp.) | Namibia |
| 2021 | Pumpkins (*Cucurbita* spp.) | Namibia |
| 2021 | Tomato (*Solanum lycopersicum*) | Namibia |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Eswatini |
| 2020 | Citrus fresh fruit (*Citrus* spp.)  | Eswatini |
| 2020 | Avocado fresh fruit (*Persea americana*)  | Eswatini |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Ghana |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Uganda |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Ivory Coast  |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Zambia |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Zimbabwe |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Angola |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Ecuador  |
| 2020 | Banana fresh fruit (*Musa* spp.) | Cameroon  |

**Revised Sanitary and Phytosanitary Import Requirements (Animals And Animal Products)**

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| **YEAR** | **COMMODITY** | **EXPORT COUNTRY** |
| 2019 | Porcine semen | France |
| 2020 | Frozen pork, porcine semen | Belgium |
| 2021 | Frozen pork  | Germany |
| 2022 | Cured and heat-treated pork products | Italy |

**New Markets Opened for Imports Animal Product**

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| **YEAR** | **COMMODITY** | **EXPORT COUNTRY** |
| 2019 | Heat treated pork and poultry | France |
| 2019 | Heat treated pork | Hungary |
| 2021 | Heat treated pork | Germany |

(b) The Agriculture and Agro-processing Masterplan (AAMP) has recently been signed by the Government together with its social partners. Following the signing in May, branches in the Department initiated the process of incorporating the Master Plan into their Operational Plans. As a result, no conditions with regard to market access can be attributed to the AAMP as yet.