

**Covid-19:**  
**Update of important information**  
**Opdatering van belangrike inligting**  
*Covid Communiqué 26 (6 May 2020)*

Dear Industry Representative,  
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**AGRI CONSTRUCTION**

Please note that a legal opinion has been obtained by the Western Cape Department of Agriculture with regards to the construction of buildings (packhouses/ cold stores/ etc.) for the agricultural sector during the Covid phase out stages.

We have received approval for such construction to be initiated and or resumed on condition that the required Health and Safety measures are complied with.

The legal opinion can be downloaded here: <https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/2020-may-legal-opinion-agri-construction.pdf>

The Occupational Health and Safety Measures in the Workplaces for Covid-19, can be downloaded here: <https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/occupational-healthsafety-29april.pdf>

We recommend that producers/packers requiring contractors to start with/resume operations, ensure the following:

1. All "normal" approvals such as building permits, plans, EIA approvals, etc. must be in place.
2. Permit to perform an essential service see 16 (2)(b) and 28 (4) of R.480.
3. Comply to 16 (6) pertaining to Covid-19 compliance officer, phased opening, etc.
4. A Workplace Plan (see Annexure E of R.480).
5. Adhere to transport regulations pertaining to employees.

Please provide contractors/builders with copies of these documents and ensure that permits relating to the movement of workers to perform an essential service, is adhered to. In addition we propose that you inform the local SAPS office of the project/programme on your premises.

### **BOORDPRAKTYK WEENS ARBEIDTEKORTE**

Hortgro Science het in samewerking met verskeie tegniese adviseurs 'n FreshNotes saamgestel oor wat produsente kan doen, indien hulle arbeidstekorte tydens verskillende produksie vensters weens Covid-19 sou ervaar.

Laai FreshNotes 176 in Afrikaans en/of Engels af hier: <https://www.hortgro-science.co.za/fresh-notes/>

### **CORONAVIRUS: WORKPLACE MANAGEMENT & PREVENTION**

Download the latest circular from the Department of Health re Managing and preventing coronavirus infection in the workplace, here: <https://www.hortgro.co.za/wp-content/uploads/docs/2020/03/circular-h-70-of-2020-preventing-and-managing-coronavirus-infection-in-the-workplace-6-may-2020.pdf>

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**information:** <https://www.hortgro.co.za/news/covid-19-and-the-deciduous-fruit-industry/>

**Official SA Government information site:** <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>

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