

Cross-Border Travellers and Vehicle Drivers

Help to protect South Africa against the African Invader fruit fly
(*Bactrocera invadens*)

If travelling to South Africa please comply with the following
biosecurity measures:

The African invader fruit fly (*Bactrocera invadens*) is an exotic fruit fly of major economic concern. This pest originated in Asia and it is now invading Africa, causing major damage to host fruit and vegetables. The introduction of this pest into South Africa may result in loss of export markets, crop devastation, high-production inputs, food insecurity and loss of jobs. This pest occurs in most of the countries in the SADC region. It is spread through the movement of infested fruit and vegetables. One infested fruit can lead to a new pest incursion, costing South Africa millions of Rands to control.



African invader fruit fly (*Bactrocera invadens*)

- Do not bring into South Africa any fresh fruit and vegetables (including those for personal consumption) without a permit.
- Before entering South Africa, make sure your products comply with the import requirements of South Africa as outlined in the Agricultural Pests Act of 1983 and its regulations as amended, e.g. produce must originate from an officially approved *Bactrocera invadens* free area.
- Present or declare your products with Customs as well as agricultural (DAFF) inspectors upon arrival at the border post.
- Non-compliance with South Africa's import requirements will result in your products either being destroyed or confiscated and you may be liable for a fine and/or imprisonment.
- Your commitment in abiding by the import requirements of South Africa and other countries you are visiting is a great contribution towards agricultural production, bio-security and trade.

"Please safeguard South Africa's agriculture, forestry and fisheries sectors by complying with the country's import requirements"

For information on plant import requirements, contact:

National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa (NPPOZA)
Plant Health Import Office:

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