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Dear Professor Nicola Spence

Phytosanitary declaration for *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* (Meyrick)

Following the new Great Britain (GB) legislation (under point 94 of Annex 7-part A of retained Phytosanitary Conditions Regulation (2019/2072) which will apply to exports from South Africa to GB, the National Plant Protection Organisation of South Africa (NPPOZA) would like to make the following declaration regarding *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* (Meyrick).

In South Africa, *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* (Meyrick) is endemic. To facilitate safe trade between GB and South Africa, the NPPOZA will ensure that all fruits exported to GB that are hosts to *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* (Meyrick) will:

- 1. Be produced in site(s) of production approved by the NPPOZA that they have been subjected to an effective systems approach in accordance with the measures specified in ISPM No. 14.
- 2. Prior to export, ensure that these fruits would have been subjected to official inspections for the presence of *Thaumatotibia leucotreta* (Meyrick), with an intensity to enable at least the detection of a 2% level of infestation, with a level of confidence of 95% in accordance with the measures specified in ISPM No. 31 and including destructive sampling in case of symptoms.

The NPPOZA is confident that the above proposed measures will provide the relevant level of protection that meets the phytosanitary measures of GB.

We look forward to our continued collaboration in safe trade.

Regards,

Mr. JanHendrik Venter Director: Plant Health Date: 2024-02-23