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Line feeds a batch of new reefers into SA

The Maersk Group has purchased 20 000 new containers, costing US\$400 million, for global distribution - with the first 170 bound for SA.

According to Matthew Conroy, group trade manager in Southern Africa, SA exports and imports are expected to pick up in 2015. This due to slightly increasing trade demand from neighbouring African countries, China, Middle East and Europe.

“The increased number of containers in SA will ensure that there is availability for clients, and will result in various opportunities for clients going forward,” he told FTWO.

The newly purchased containers are refrigerated (reefer), which will support agricultural export growth, particularly fruit, Conroy added.

“We expect that the containers will aid the growth of fruit exports out of the country, as citrus, grapes, apples and pears continue to be the key segments of the SA refrigerated exports. They represent 20% of the exports to global markets. And grapes in particular have experienced a year-on-year increase in demand of 15%-20% in 2015.”

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