

Russia: Thrips detected in tomatoes

Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service detained 18 MT of Ukrainian tomatoes from entering the Russian Federation. The load was coming from Belarus, contaminated with a quarantine pest – Western thrips.

It is to be noted that a month ago Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service requested the Belarusian Government Service for Seed and Plant Protection to strictly comply with international re-export regulations.

The place where the contamination of production took place has not been identified. However, Belarus, unlike Russia and Ukraine, does not consider Western thrips to be a quarantine pest.

Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service expresses serious concern over the current situation and reserves the right to introduce additional security measures to control import of agricultural products to Russia.

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