

Indonesia paves way for Peruvian citrus, grapes

The Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Trade and Tourism (Mincetur) has announced Indonesia has opened its market to the country's table grapes and mandarins.

The Peruvian ministry was informed by the government's Office of Overseas Trade (OCEX) in Jakarta that definitive access had been granted for the two commodities.

Mincetur reported the only requirement is that traders provide certificates that demonstrate the food is safe.

"It is important to mention that foods from Peru that could enter Indonesia very soon are avocados, blueberries, garlic, onions, other grape varieties and asparagus," the ministry said in a release.

The release mentioned Peruvian mandarins caught the attention of representatives from Indonesian company PT Segar Manis Mata during an OCEX-organized visit to the South American country in 2016

"This work adds to the continuous efforts being done in the aforementioned trade office to achieve better commercial interaction between Peru and Indonesia, mainly in fresh plant-based products."

The development is significant given a recent ruling that Indonesia's trade restrictions are unfair; a decision that has been appealed by Indonesia.

Indonesia's policies toward fresh fruit imports have been controversial over the last five years, including restrictions on citrus from Australia and South Africa, as well as table grapes from California and a range of other items and sources.

Another country that has made progress in the Indonesian market is the Ukraine, which has made inroads with fresh apple exports, Ukrinform.es reported.

The Eastern European country however only accounts for less than 0.5% of apples exported around the globe, according to UN Comtrade statistics, with Belarus, Georgia and Kazakhstan receiving the bulk of its volume.

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