

UAE: Abu Dhabi won't ban Egyptian strawberries

The Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority said that no import ban will be imposed on Egyptian strawberries or on any fruit imported from Egypt, as long as it arrives accompanied by an approved certificate of analysis from the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation in Egypt stating that they are free of pesticide residues.

"The Ministry of Climate Change and Environment issued a decree requiring the attachment of a certificate approved by the Ministry of Agriculture and Land Reclamation of the Arab Republic of Egypt in all fruit and vegetable shipments. The idea is to ensure that they are free of pesticide residues or fall within the permissible limits, according to the standards approved in the United Arab Emirates as of 1 May 2017."

The agency also said that the monitoring of the measure is carried out by inspectors, who will check the certificates once these shipments arrive at the Emirate's ports and then take the necessary measures. The Abu Dhabi Food Control Authority is taking part in several national, regional and international alert and rapid warning systems based on the exchange of information about the safety and health of any food material or agricultural product.

In any case, the Abu Dhabi Regulatory Authority is taking appropriate measures to ensure the suitability, health and safety of foodstuffs and agricultural products offered in the markets of the Emirate.

"Import ban decisions affecting different provinces or countries are carried out in accordance with any food and agricultural health and safety developments in these areas, as well as on the basis of reports from the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)," reported the entity.

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