

Saudi Arabian ban on Egyptian strawberries in January

As of January 18, Saudi Arabia's decision to ban Egyptian strawberries due to pesticide residues will come into force. This was announced by the General Organization for Export & Import Control last Thursday.

Last November, an Egyptian delegation visited the kingdom to discuss the decision, but Saudi Arabia has decided to temporarily ban strawberry imports from Egypt. There was a similar ban on Egyptian strawberries over pesticide residues in July 2017.

Furthermore, Saudi Arabia is the largest importer of Egyptian peppers, importing some 15,000 tons out of Egypt's 23,000 ton total pepper exports. Last year, Egypt has faced a series of bans on several agricultural products, such as peppers, lettuce and onions, by Bahrain, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates also on concerns over pesticide residues.

According to EgyptToday, the government has asked an agricultural quarantine body to advise on shipments and warn of exporters who violate agreed-upon international standards.

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