



## Thailand opens its market to Argentinean blueberries

Argentina has opened up Thailand's market for its blueberries, and the South Korean market to its lentils, peas, and barley, stated the Ministry of Agribusiness.

This new market for blueberries will increase the volume of sales from Argentina to the Far East. The Minister of Agribusiness, Luis Etchevehere, stated that "in the last two years, Argentina achieved opening more than 120 markets."

"Each new destination we incorporate represents a new opportunity, and brings us even closer to our goal of becoming the world's supermarket," he added.

Argentina is the ninth biggest food supplier of Thailand. In 2017, Thailand imported 1,130,535 tons of Argentine agro-industrial products worth US \$463 million. 88% of exports are agroindustrial, and some of the most outstanding products exported to this destination include soy flour, hides, shrimps, prawns, and wheat.

The export of blueberries to Thailand only requires the issuance of a Phytosanitary Certificate, without additional declarations, since this product isn't prohibited.

In 2015, Argentina exported 1,915,002 tons of agro-industrial products worth US \$383 million to South Korea. The main products exported were corn, shrimp, molluscs, prawns, and soybean oil, among others.

The negotiations were held within the framework of the bilateral meetings held by the National Health and Food Quality Service (Senasa) at the meeting of the 13th Commission on Phytosanitary Measures of the IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention) last April.

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