



## Russia asks Iran for additional information on exports

*Suspects re-export of banned products*

The Rosselkhoznadzor has asked Iran for information on the production of vegetables and fruits on its territory, as well as on the total volume of products shipped to Russia for export. The reason for this is the sharp increase in the volume of fruit and vegetable shipments from Iran to Russia.

"In order to prevent imports to Russia of products subject to restrictions, the Rosselkhoznadzor has requested information from the competent department of the Republic of Iran on the volume of fruit and vegetable products in the country, the addresses of companies and the volumes of plant products produced by them, as well as on the total number of products shipped for export, in particular, to Russia," the ministry said.

According to the ministry, the volume of tomato shipments from Iran to Russia has grown 13-fold. Also, pepper exports have multiplied by 3 and courgette shipments are 4.7 times greater. Rosselkhoznadzor is also concerned about the "origin of products that were not previously supplied to Russia." The department said that in 2018, about 30,000 tonnes of Iranian apples were imported, while in 2017, Iran shipped no apples at all.

The department mentioned that the Iranian side has been unable to supply accurate data on the production volume of apples, but Tehran promised to provide relevant data in the near future.

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