



Canada allows imports of Indian pineapples & mandarins

Five months after a formal request was made by Indian officials, Canada has agreed to allow imports of pineapples and mandarins.

The Union Ministry of Commerce had sent its first request on April 10, with a reminder on May 18. In response, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency conveyed its approval on August 9, stating that -apart from some specifics- general phytosanitary requirements would apply.

Pineapple imports into Canada have been increasing consistently over the years. About 127,000 tons were shipped in calendar 2017, up from 118,210 tons the year before.

The quantity of mandarins reaching Canadian shores is unclear, but the value was C\$257.2 million in 2016, from all across the world. Mandarin output in India was 4.4 million tons in 2017-18, grown on 409,000 hectares. Total pineapple production was close to two million tons on 115,000 ha.

According to business-standard.com, India currently exports both pineapples and mandarins in very small quantities.

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