

Ghana pepper faces EU ban

Less than 12 months after the ban on the export of five vegetable crops to the EU market was lifted, Ghana faces another ban. This time, their pepper is in danger of being blacklisted as questions over its quality have risen. About 24,000 tons of pepper is exported from Ghana to the EU annually.

The Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association blamed the situation on inspection delays by the Ministry of Food and Agriculture (MoFA). The Association's Vice President, Felix Kamasah, said larvae had been seen in some of the peppers despite 'all the tests they [MoFA] are doing'.

The Association's main concern is the effect a potential ban could have on pepper farmers. "You invest so much in the farm and there is a ban and you don't have a buyer. If we don't take steps now and check all those things, we are going to face the same problems."

According to ghanaweb.com, the Ghana Export Promotion Authority has since said it is working to address the situation.

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