

Vietnam officially starts mango exports to US

Vietnam has begun officially exporting its mangoes to the US market, after the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) gave permission for the import of fresh mangoes from the Southeast Asian nation in 2017.

A ceremony was held in Hanoi on February 18 by the Plant Protection Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development and the Office of the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) in Vietnam, to announce the start of the fruit exports.

Mango has become the sixth Vietnamese fruit allowed to enter the US market, following dragon fruit, rambutan, lychee, longan, and star apple. To clear way to sell its mangoes in the world's biggest economy, the Plant Protection Department applied for a licence in 2009.

Vietnam exports mangoes to 40 countries over the world. Its main destinations are China, European countries, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Le Quoc Doanh said that the export of Vietnamese mangoes to the US market has affirmed the brand, quality, and reputation of Vietnamese agricultural products in general and fruits in particular.

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