

Chile implements a pilot inspection system for fruit for export

The Agricultural and Livestock Service (SAG) and the Association of Fruit Exporters of Chile AG (ASOEX) are implementing a pilot processing-line inspection program this 2019-2020 season with the goal of improving the export process of Chilean fruit.

Rodrigo Astete, the head of the SAG's Agricultural and Forestry Protection Division, stated, "this year we innovated seeking to adapt the inspection to the logistics of the companies. To achieve this, we agreed with ASOEX to implement the pilot program in 13 companies in the Metropolitan, O'Higgins, and Maule regions. We are implementing an entire inspection system in these regions and in the companies that wanted to join this pilot. A random sample, which will be tested, is taken via the automatic systems that the company. A SAG official will be there to evaluate the lots before they are packed. Our goal is to evaluate this pilot program, in order to implement this system as an inspection methodology," added Astete.

"This season we are starting with blueberries and cherries, and then we will be implementing it in other fruits. We believe that this methodology has several benefits for the export process, such as preserving the quality of the fruit, not having to break the pallets, improving the efficiency and capacity of refrigerators, as well as greater speed in shipments, among other things," stated the president of ASOEX, Ronald Bown Fernandez.

"In parallel to this pilot, we are evaluating together with the SAG the feasibility of issuing phytosanitary certificates in fruit plants to make the export process more efficient," he added.

This pilot program was presented to the members of the Committee on Plant Health (COSAVE) of the Southern Cone, which recently visited Chile and who gave positive reviews on its methodology.

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