

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Regina Cronje
ARC-INSTITUTE FOR TROPICAL AND
SUBTROPICAL CROPS

VIETNAM

Vietnam to ship lychee samples to Japan

VIETNAM WILL ship 10 tonnes of Luc Ngan lychee to Japan as a sample, before getting the export licence for it. Minister of Science and Technology Nguyen Quan said this on a weekly television programme called 'People Ask, Ministers Answer' last week. Luc Ngan lychee is a well-known special fruit from the northern province of Bac Giang. If the fruit is accepted by the Japanese customers, the ministry will help domestic growers to sell it in the Japanese market, said Quan. Quan said that with the help of Japanese partners last year, the ministry has imported a technology that uses the Cell Alive System method for long-term preservation of fruit just as if it has been freshly harvested. 🍌

Source: <http://vietnamnews.vn/economy/257038/Viet-nam-to-ship-lychee-samples-to-japan.html>; published 4 July 2014; shortened



<http://static.vietmaz.com/files/2014/06/6588075-7>

CAS technology to be used in Vietnam to conserve lychee

IN ORDER to ensure the quality of lychees exported to Japan, the Minister of Science and Technology is planning to build a factory that uses CAS tech-

nology (Cells Alive System) to preserve lychees from the Luc Ngan district in the province of Bac Giang. CAS is a technique that freezes to at least -35°C, does not destroy production cells and allows the fruit to maintain its freshness and flavour. On the contrary to normal freezing methods, the treated products are as good as when fresh. Norio Owada, Director of Japanese company ABI, says that CAS technology can be used on lychees as well as other fruit and vegetables destined for export from Vietnam. "If Japan continues to authorise the lychee imports, Vietnam will centralise the production zones in order to produce lychees that are better suited to the quality norms required. We are planning to build a factory using CAS technology to preserve lychees in the Luc Ngan district of Bac Giang province and we would like to make the most of ABI's active support to do so," declared the Minister of Science and Technology, Nguyen Quan.

Source: <http://www.freshplaza.com/article/127804/CAS-technology-to-be-used-in-Vietnam-to-conserve-lychees>; published 26 September 2014

Vietnam to export lychee, longan to US from October

Vietnamese fresh lychees and longan will be sold in the US from October 6, on the condition that the products meet the country's strict food safety and hygiene standards. Under an amended regulation of the Animal and Plants Health Inspection Service, an agency of the US Department of Agriculture, all Vietnamese agricultural products entering the US market must originate from a cultivation area that

MADAGASCAR

Export possibilities in South Africa

MADAGASCAR IS expecting a larger lychee harvest this year and so has to find new markets to get rid of the extra. The possibilities of a proposed export to South Africa are being looked into at the moment, reports website lexpressmada.com. The realisation of this is a new sales possibility for Madagascar entrepreneurs. Europe is the largest buyer of lychees from Madagascar but the exporters will also be able to enter the South African market this year. According to information from a lychee exporter, South African importers are interested in the Malagasy lychees and people are now waiting for the government of both countries to make agreements. 100 tonnes will be exported with the first lychee delivery. The Malagasy lychee production is 100 000 tonnes per year. Madagascar is the fifth largest lychee producer in the world, after China, India, Vietnam and Taiwan. 🍌

Source: <http://www.freshplaza.com/article/127877/Madagascar-export-possibilities-for-lychees-in-South-Africa>; published 29 September 2014

is registered with and monitored by Vietnam's Plant Protection Department (PPD). Furthermore, each shipment of products must include a certificate issued by the PPD. The PPD, which is under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD), is working to provide lychee and longan farmers with the appropriate cultivation, harvesting and preservation techniques to meet the requirements of international markets, such as the US. Vietnam aims to ship approximately 600 tonnes of lychee and 1 200 tonnes of longan to the US per year, according to MARD. Lychees and longan are Vietnam's key fruit exports, along with dragon fruit, bananas, mangos, star fruit, rambutan and grapefruit. 🍌

Source: <http://www.vietnambreakingnews.com/2014/09/vietnam-to-export-lychee-longan-to-us-from-october/>; published 12 September 2014; shortened