

## **Georgia Ready to Ship Wine**

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Seven wine producers from Georgia have informed the Russian sanitary authorities about their willingness to start shipments to Russia, Gennady Onishchenko, head of the Russian food safety watchdog and the chief public health official, told journalists in Moscow on Wednesday, Interfax reported.

"I have received a proposal, which is official to some extent this time around, from seven Georgian producers that would like to come to the Russian market. You are welcome. You are aware of the shipment terms and conditions," Onishchenko told Interfax.

The Georgian winemakers are supposed to undergo a special procedure to get access to the Russian market, he said.

"We will look at your plants, as we have not seen them for quite a long time — since 2006. Then you will give us samples of your produce, and we will register them," he said.

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