

Georgian Winemakers 'Ready' to Export to Russia

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Seven Georgian winemakers have declared themselves ready to export to Russia, Moscow's chief sanitary doctor said, Interfax reported on Wednesday.

"We will examine your producers ... Then you will give us samples of your products, and we will register [the producers]," Gennady Onishchenko said.

Russia banned imports of mineral water and wine from Georgia in 2006 under the pretense of health concerns. The move was widely seen as a part of a larger tit-for-tat between the two countries.

Earlier, Onishchenko told Interfax that imports could resume by the end of the year if Georgian producers comply with Russian regulations.

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