

Russia to Resume Georgian Fruit Imports

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After almost 10 years, the ban on Georgian fruit has been lifted. Charles Roffey

Russia will resume the import of Georgian fruit that was banned in 2005 over sanitary concerns, food safety watchdog Rosselkhoznadzor said Thursday.

The agency's head Sergei Dankvert told Interfax of the move, following talks with his Georgian counterpart Zurab Chekurashvili in Moscow.

Rosselkhoznadzor and Georgia's National Food Agency stopped cooperation in 2006 after a diplomatic spat, but began restoring relations earlier this year.

In March, Georgian wine and the popular Borjomi mineral water returned to Russian grocery store shelves and in late June, Russia lifted the ban on supply of tea, nuts and spices from its southern neighbor.

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