

# Russia Lifts Ban on Turkish Fruit

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Russia has lifted its ban on the import of oranges, apricots, peaches, and plums from Turkey, the Interfax news agency reported.

On Oct. 9, the Russian government moved to allow some fruits from Turkey back onto the Russian market. President Vladimir Putin announced the decision the next day after a meeting with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

“This decision is mutually beneficial to both our countries,” Putin said. “Russian agriculture does not produce these goods.”

The return of Turkish fruit to Russia would also drive down fruit prices on the domestic market, he said.

Russia imposed agricultural sanctions on Ankara after Turkey shot down a Russian fighter plane that briefly strayed into Turkish territory in November 2015. The two countries began to reestablish relations this summer, after Erdogan apologized for the incident in June.

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