

## Quarantine Agreement for Export of Pears and Bell Peppers with Peru

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The Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency announced that Korean pears and bell peppers can be exported to Peru as of August 23, 2013. Korea and Peru have agreed on the Korean government's request for permission of exports submitted in December 2011. Korean pears and bell peppers have been approved for export to Peru under the August 2013 notification of the Quarantine Requirements for Export to Peru.

Exports of green fruits cultivated in Korea had been prohibited previously, but quarantine requirements have been established in June of 2013 after consultation between both countries. As a result, Korean pears and bell peppers have been approved for exports to Peru under the Quarantine Requirements for Exports to Peru. Owners of pear and bell pepper farms who want to export their products to Peru should apply for registration of export packing and selecting houses to the local authorities of the Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency and be quarantined by plant quarantine officers before the harvesting period.

Korean pears have been exported to many countries such as the U.S., Canada, Thailand, and Indonesia in accordance with quarantine requirements. Peru is the second Latin American country to grant Korea permission for fruit exports since the settlement of requirements for apples and pears exports to Chile. The settlement of export requirements is expected to establish a bridgehead for Korean fruit exports to the Latin America. The Korean government is making efforts to develop new export markets for major fruits and vegetables.

### Current Exports of Korean Pears to Overseas Market

[ Unit: M/T ]

Year Nation	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
U.S.	8,145	9,332	9,748	10,350	8,780
Thailand	6,317	9,874	9,421	8,849	9,902
Canada	206	356	510	438	302
Indonesia	186	345	344	489	539
Others	411	615	622	760	616
Total	15,265	20,522	20,645	20,886	20,139

※ Others: Japan, New Zealand, the Philippines, Thailand, etc.

### Current Exports of Korean Bell Peppers to Overseas Market

[Unit: kg ]

Year Nation	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
Japan	21,216,735	17,458,110	16,605,535	18,006,511	17,035,819
Australia	3,000	26,732	2,450	-	-
Canada	-	9,904	-	50	-
Russia	1,545	9,670	532	940	2,120
U.S.A	1,860	2,245	2,585	3,290	16,362
Thailand	10	5,544	343	47,219	4,140
Others	470	3,605	834	3,890	684
Total	21,223,620	17,515,810	16,612,279	18,061,900	17,059,125

※ Others: Indonesia, Mongolia, UAE, Singapore, etc.

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