

GCD Horticulture, olives et boissons spiritueuses

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Russia

The Commission is aware of the importance of exports to Russia to your sector.

They have been regularly growing to reach almost €500 mio (€ 474,747 of which € 272,854 for cut flowers) in 2013.

Fortunately, this sector is not concerned so far by the blanket ban that Russia has imposed on many other EU agricultural products.

However, the industry must remain vigilant: Russia is usually considered a lucrative but difficult and sometimes unpredictable market, as is shown by the ongoing ban on imports of planting material (0602) from the EU for alleged SPS motivesⁱ.

Also, Russia is increasingly adopting protectionist policies and is also facing, according to many analysts, several years of economic stagnation: this is already reflected in a sensible diminution of our exports in the first half of 2014:

EU28 export to Russia January-July

		VALUE_1000EURO		
		Jan-Jul2012	Jan-Jul2013	Jan-Jul2014
0601	BULBS, TUBERS, TUBEROUS ROOTS, CORMS, CROWNS AND RHIZOMES, DORMANT, IN GROWTH OR IN FLOWER, CHICORY PLANTS AND ROOTS (EXCL. BULBS, TUBERS AND TUBEROUS ROOTS USED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND CHICORY ROOTS OF THE VARIETY CICHORIUM INTYBUS SATIVUM)	23.482,7	21.218,3	15.017,8
0602	LIVE PLANTS INCL. THEIR ROOTS, CUTTINGS AND SLIPS; MUSHROOM SPAWN (EXCL. BULBS, TUBERS, TUBEROUS ROOTS, CORMS, CROWNS AND RHIZOMES, AND CHICORY PLANTS AND ROOTS)	96.008,6	98.048,5	66.877,1
0603	CUT FLOWERS AND FLOWER BUDS OF A KIND SUITABLE FOR BOUQUETS OR FOR ORNAMENTAL PURPOSES, FRESH, DRIED, DYED, BLEACHED, IMPREGNATED OR OTHERWISE PREPARED	160.653,6	179.325,5	141.565,0
0604	FOLIAGE, BRANCHES AND OTHER PARTS OF PLANTS, WITHOUT FLOWERS OR FLOWER BUDS, AND GRASSES, MOSSES AND LICHENS, OF A KIND SUITABLE FOR BOUQUETS OR FOR ORNAMENTAL PURPOSES, FRESH, DRIED, DYED, BLEACHED, IMPREGNATED OR OTHERWISE PREPARED	9.570,0	10.584,3	8.296,4

ⁱ although places of production that have been "jointly inspected" and approved by Russia can still export;