

Mexico and Qatar agreed to open a direct aviation route for transport of agricultural products.

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Mr. Victor Villalobos Arambula, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of Mexico (SADER) and Mr. Mohammed Alkawari, Ambassador of Qatar in Mexico, gathered to discuss about action plans to strengthen cooperation and increase trade opportunities for agricultural and fishery products between the two countries. The main issue is the opening of direct aviation route between Mexico and Qatar for

transporting Mexico's agricultural products, that are gaining popularity in the Middle East region.

During this meeting, both sides agreed to start the process to open a direct aviation route between Mexico and Qatar for the transportation of Mexican agricultural products that have been trusted and popular in the Middle East, due to hygiene standards, safety and quality of the products.

The route will be used to **transport beef, chickpea, white corn, vegetable, avocado, berries, sugar, coffee, honey, tuna, shrimp, tilapia and other agricultural products that has passed the Halal standard.** Qatar trusts Mexico as the exporter of these food products for the preparation to host the World Cup in 2020.

In this regard, SADER also pledged to develop the domestic agricultural sector to improve the living conditions of the local farmers, and aim to strengthen relations with other countries to drive cooperation and trade of agricultural and food products.

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