

## Mexico will start exporting bananas to China for the first time

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Mr. Victor Villalobos Arambula, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (SADER), announced during the meeting with banana producers in the state of Tabasco that Mexico will commence exporting the first 150 containers of bananas to the People's Republic of China within one month. This is a result of the successful visit to establish the phytosanitary protocol for bananas import. The bananas from

Mexico will be guaranteed with quality, safety and hygiene.

The first export of Mexico's bananas to China is consisted of 20 tons per container, with a total of about 3,000 tons. The vessel will depart from the port of Manzanillo in the northwest of the country.

The Minister urged the producers in Tabasco and other states In the southeastern part of the country to maintain quality, safety and hygiene standards to prevent risks that may affect the agreements signed with China, saying that the country's reputation is an important issue and Mexico is a country that has been trusted for years of experience in the management of hygiene issues.

The producers, both in the state of Tabasco and other states, such as Chiapas, Veracruz, Colima and Jalisco, will be able to export bananas only when certified for export by the National Service for Agri-Food Health, Safety and Quality (SENASICA) and the Federal Commission for the Protection against Sanitary Risk (COFEPRIS), and must also be able to prove that they have a capacity to produce high quality products.

Mr. Adrian Prats Leal, President of the National Committee of Banana Production System, said that this trade agreement between Mexico and China will bring benefits to over 5,000 domestic producers, including the overall sector, that creates more than 100,000 direct jobs and more than 164,000 indirect jobs, which benefit more than 1.5 million people in the country.

On the same occasion, Mr. Adan Augusto Lopez Hernandez, Governor of the State of Tabasco, also added that agriculture is another alternative that helps create diversity for the state's economic sector, in addition to oil production, and will become a method to increase jobs in the future.

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