

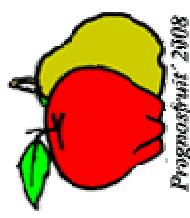
Update on Russian Phytosanitary issues

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Relevance for EU trade

The Russian market has been growing significantly and rapidly in the past year, and is particularly relevant for EU trade, as shown by the table below (figures in tonnes):

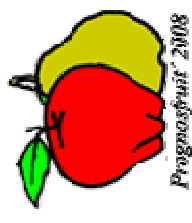
Year	Export Quantity Fruit Russia	Export Quantity Veg Russia
2000	436.068,00	184.529,20
2001	415.509,40	295.069,20
2002	516.466,00	278.843,30
2003	522.999,50	377.870,60
2004	661.459,10	328.525,80
2005	697.498,90	446.062,70
2006	878.195,60	440.509,60



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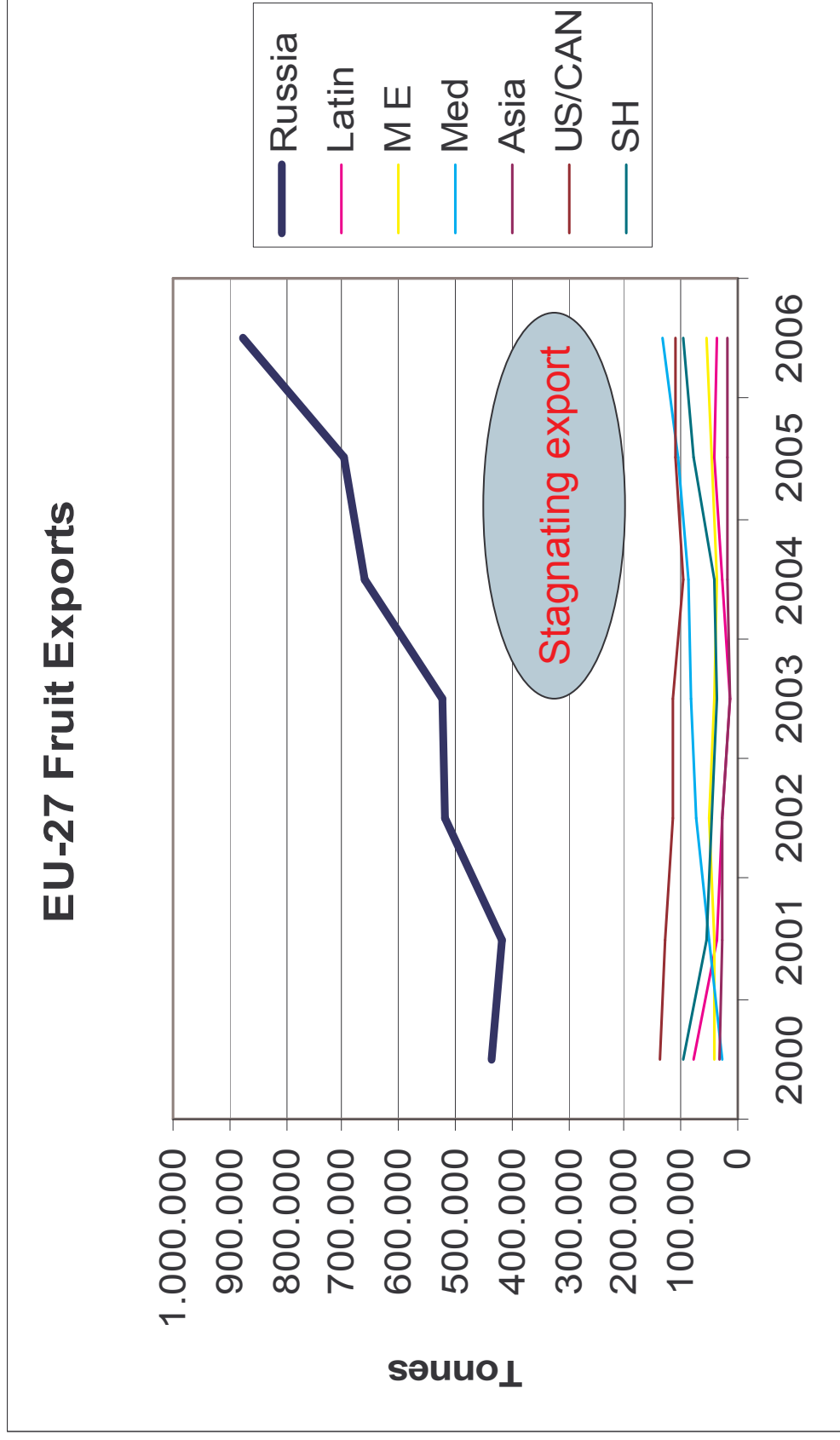
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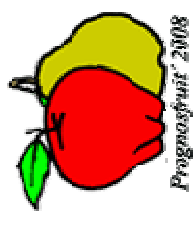
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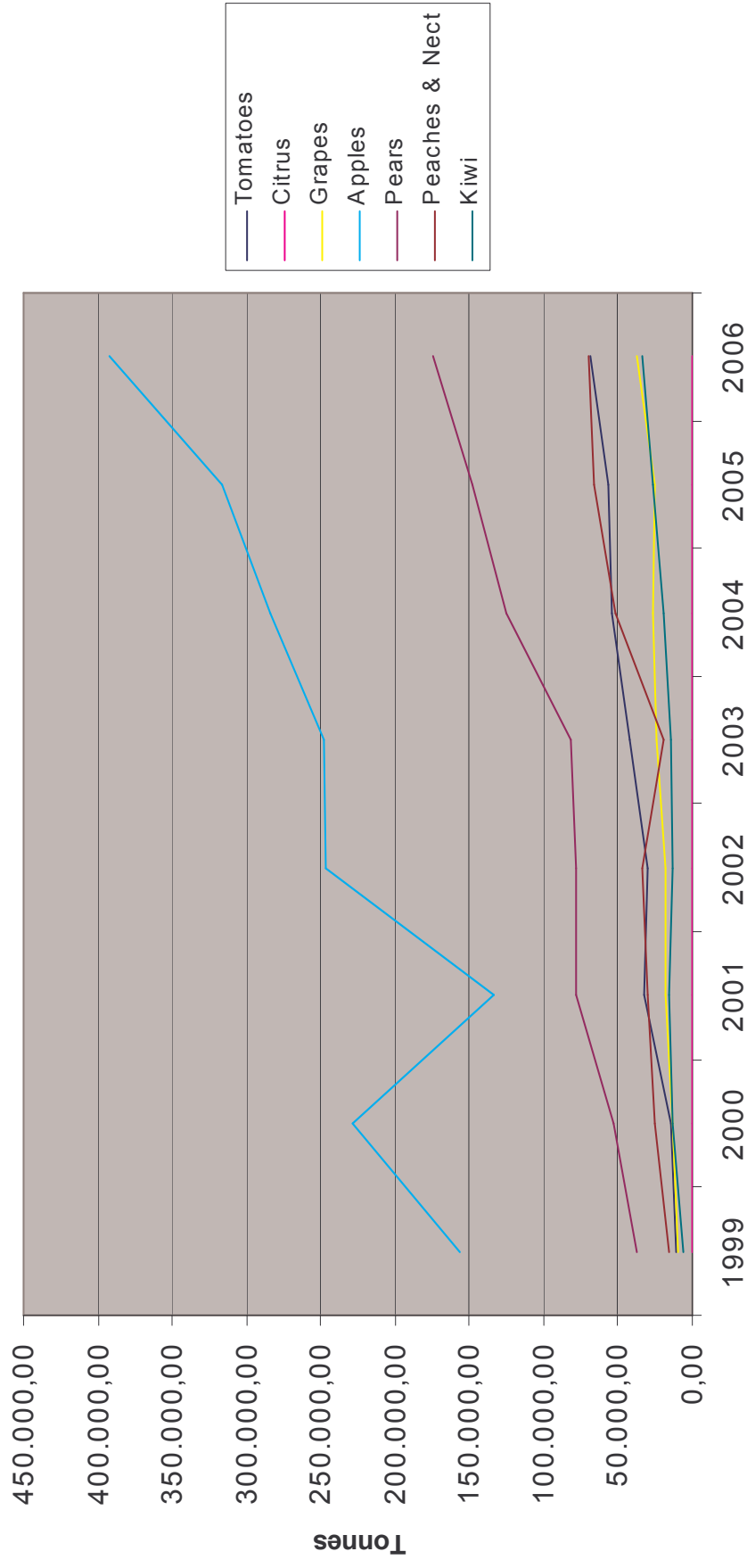
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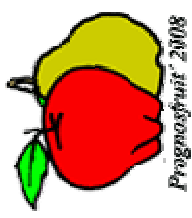
Evolution of EU-27 Exports to Russia



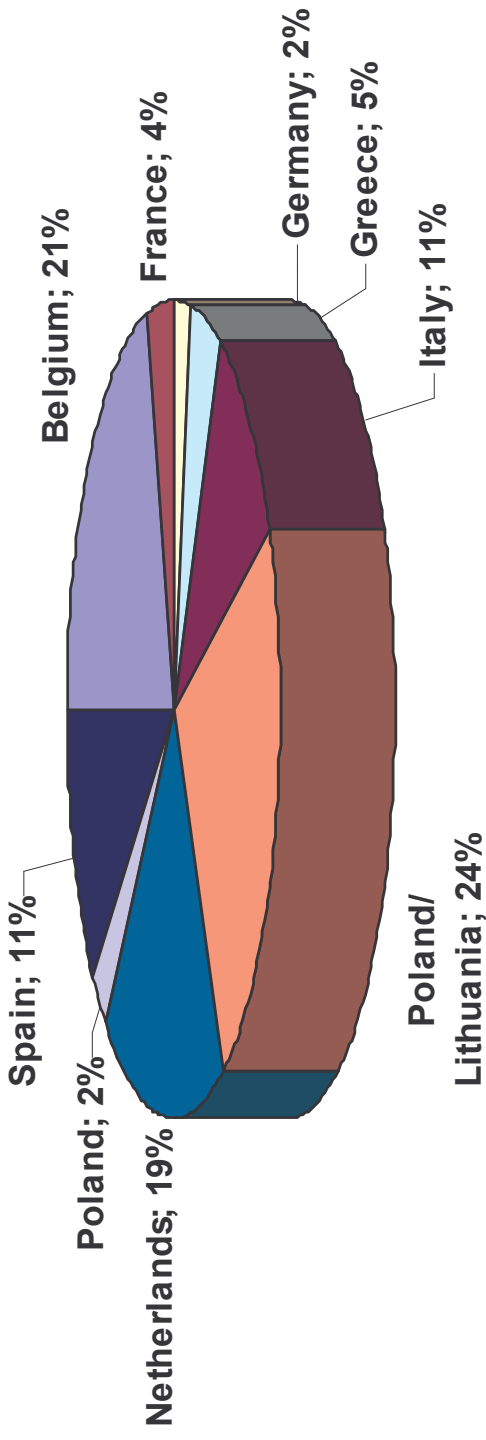
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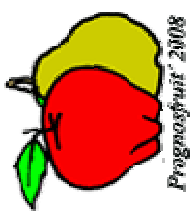


EU Fruit Exports to Russia 2006



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Russia plant health requirements

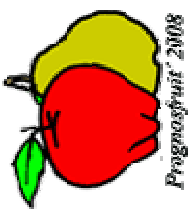
- EU Russia bilateral relations are complex:
 - Russia accession to WTO
 - EU-Russia negotiation of a bilateral trade agreement
 - Consequence of successive EU enlargement
 - EC Commission willing to reinforce its competence on export matters
 - Various agriculture dispute (veterinary sector , grain, plant health)
 - Other political issues (energy,...)



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Russia safety requirements



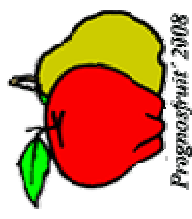
- Russia is a growing (import) market, insisting on its own rules
- Increased focus by control authorities on safety : veterinary aspects(since early 2000), plant health (2004), pesticides and nitrates (2007)
- Various reports highlighting “non compliance of Russian MRL ” and increased pressure upon the EU to deal the matter bilaterally
- Sequence of events:
 - ✓ Negotiation of a Memorandum as of November 2007
 - ✓ Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on pesticides and nitrates in fruit and vegetables in March 2008
 - ✓ Coming into force of the Memorandum in July 2008
 - ✓ Technical bilateral meeting expected for September 2008



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Key points EU-Russia MoU



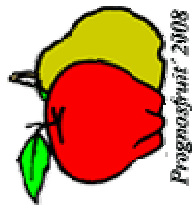
- Restricted to pesticide residues and nitrates (GMOs not addressed) in plant products for human consumption
- Exchange of information regarding legislation
- Use of Codex level or COO's MRL if no Russian MRL
- Russian visits to verify on the spot controls of residues in MS
- Pesticide Usage document for all consignments
- In case of non-compliance:
 - Safety certificate (laboratories accredited by Russia or gov.)
 - At least 1 year (country :commodity basis)



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Impact of MoU



- Relevance of such a protocol which is just implementing the legislation?
- Complexity and uncertainties (Pesticide Usage Document)
- Concerns about significant differences between EU and Russia MRLs
- Interpretation issues

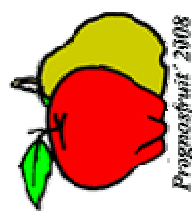


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Discrepancies of MRL

EU – Russia - Codex



Active substance	Product	Russian MRL (ppm)	EU MRL (ppm)	Codex MRL (ppm)
Abamectin	Apples, Pears	0,003 (citrus fruit) NA	0,01 (LOD)	0,02
Captan	Apples, Pears	Not permitted	3	25
Carbendazim	Apples, Pears	Not permitted	0,05 (LOD)	NA
Chlorpyrifos	Citrus fruit	0,005	0,3 (oranges) 0,2 (lemons) 2 (mandarins)	1
Dithianon	Pears	NA Not permitted (peaches)	3	NA
Fenoxycarb	Apples, Pears	0,01	1	NA

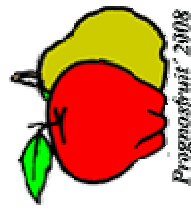


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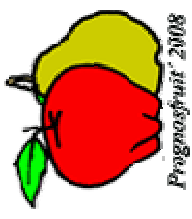


Active substance	Product	Russian MRL (ppm)	EU MRL (ppm)	CODEX MRL (ppm)
Fosetyl-AI	Apples, Pears	NA 0,8 (grapes)	75	NA
Imazalil	Citrus fruit	0,1	5	5
Imidacloprid	Apples, Pears	NA 0,1 (citrus fruit)	0,5 (apples) 1 (pears)	0,5 (apples) 1 (pears)
Mancozeb	Apples, Pears	0,1	5 (Dithiocarbamates)	NA
Metiram	Apples, Pears	0,02	5 (Dithiocarbamates)	NA
Thiacloprid	Apples, Pears	Not permitted	0,3	NA
Triadimefon	Apples	0,05	0,2 (LOD)	NA



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Russian MRL exceedances report

- Recent report received from Russian authorities regarding all MRL exceedances between January and April
- Main offenders: Netherlands, Hungary, Greece, Spain, Germany & Poland
- Products in question: Chinese cabbage, white cabbage, apples, celery, leeks, carrots, tangerines, cucumbers & lettuce

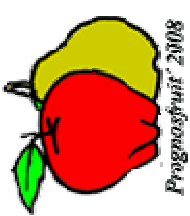


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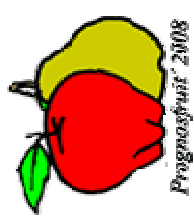
Not only for EU!

- Turkey
- Asian countries (Vietnam , China ,...)
- Discussion with Argentina, Israel,...



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