

# Introduction of inspection service

## CYPRUS

Harmonization of Fruit and Vegetable Quality Assessment

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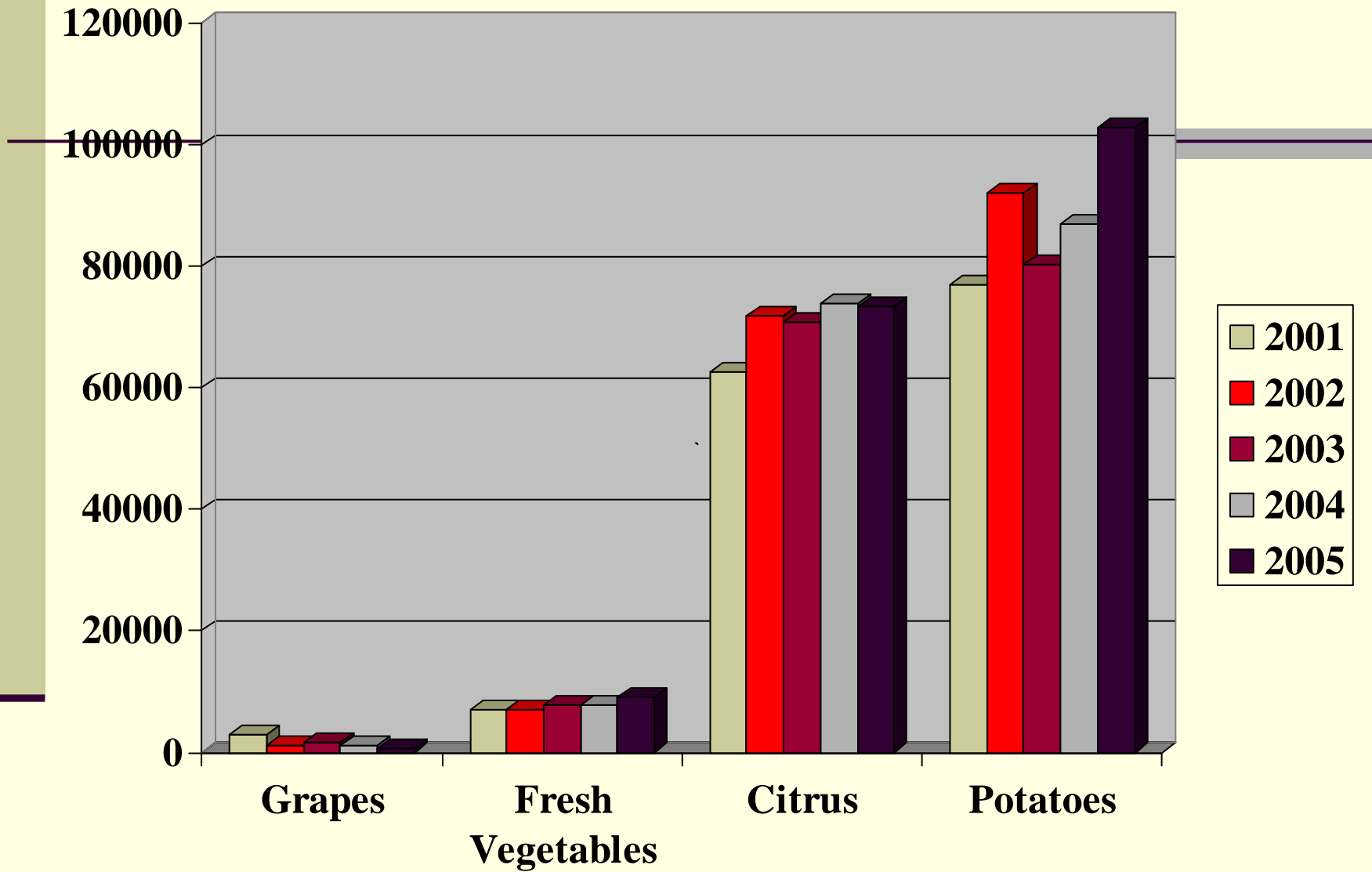


**CYPRUS is located in the south east of the Mediterranean sea**

■ **9,251 square miles**

- **802,500 population (7.1% of the total economically active population is occupied full time with Agriculture)**
- **Capital: Nicosia**
- **Nicosia district, Larnaca/Ammochostos district, Limassol district, Paphos district**

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# Coordinating authority

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- Coordinating Authority/ Inspection Body

Plant Health & Quality Control Section  
Department of Agriculture,  
Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources  
and Environment

# Quality Control

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- Quality control is carried out on fresh fruit and vegetables at all stage of marketing except on products:
  1. Displayed, offered for sale, sold, delivered or marketed in any other way by the producer on wholesale markets
  2. Moved from wholesale markets to packaging stations and/or storage facilities

# Quality Control - 2

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3. products sold by the producer to consumers for their personal use
4. products sold or delivered by the grower to preparation and packaging stations or storage facilities
5. Deliver from storage facilities to preparation and packaging stations
6. Less than 10 kilos carried in personal luggage for their own consumption

# Trader database - Cyprus

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- National traders - A
- Importers - B
- Exporters - C

# Trader database - Cyprus

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- The database contains information on name, I.D., Postal address, Email address of the traders and establishments, details on contact person, information about the size/capacity/working period of the establishment, and information concerning findings made during previous checks.
- This database is updated at the district level yearly.



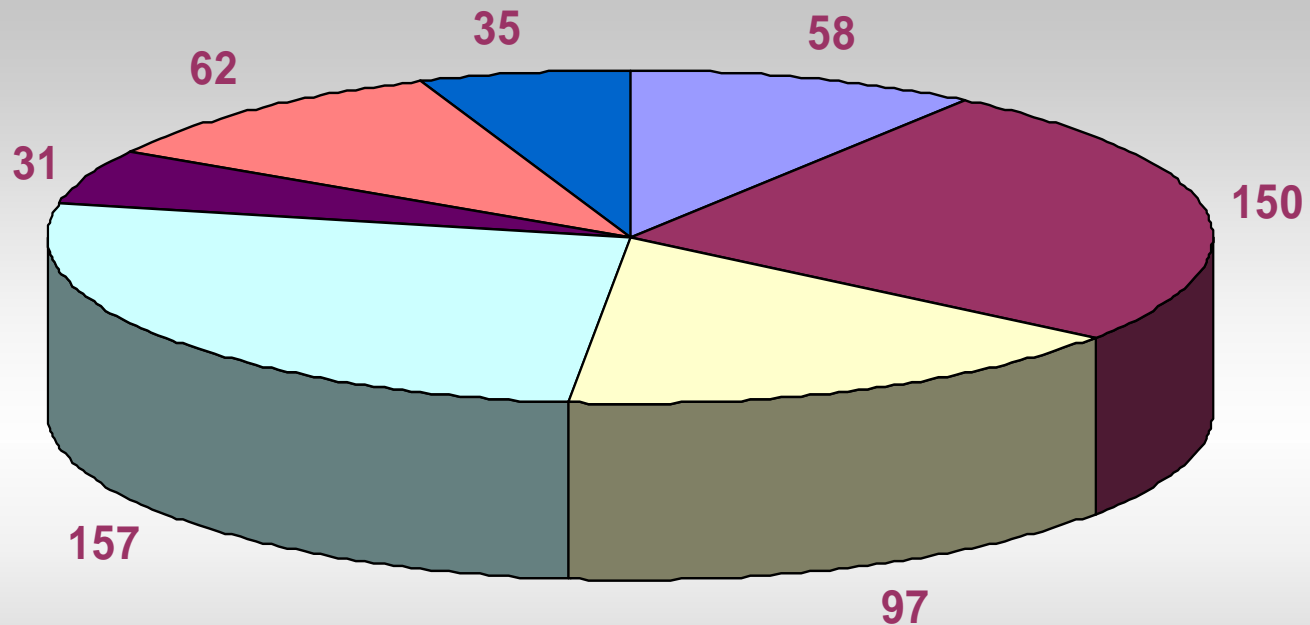
# National traders - A

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- A1 - persons that move products to and from other MS
- A2 – persons that sell products in the local market
  - A2(I) – large supermarkets/ supermarkets/ fresh fruit & vegetables retail shop
  - A2(II) – shops
  - A2(III) – small shop in villages
- A3 - Persons that pack products for local consumption

# Article 3 – Trader database Cont..

## REGISTERED RETAIL AND WHOLESALE POINTS



- LARGE SUPERMARKETS
- FRESH FRUIT AND VEG SHOPS
- SMALL SHOPS
- DISTRIBUTORS/PACKAGING STATIONS
- SUPERMARKETS
- SHOPS
- WHOLESALE POINTS

# Importers - B

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- B1 – persons that import from Third Countries
- B2 – persons that pack products imported from Third Countries

# Exporters – C

- C1 – persons that export to Third Countries
- C2 – persons that pack products exported to Third Countries

# Conformity checks on the internal market

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Checks on the conformity to marketing standards are carried out at the following frequency in the internal market, in accordance with the findings made during previous checks:

- Category A: National traders
  1. A1 - move products to and from other MS
    - 10 % for products that enter RoC from other MS
    - 40-60% for products that leave RoC to other MS

# Conformity checks on the internal market - 2

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2. A2 - persons that sell products in the local market
3. A3 - Persons that pack products for local consumption  
Minimum three time per year

- There are not as yet trader that have been exempted from the control system.

# Conformity checks at the point of export and import

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- Product intended for export are checked at 100% frequency level and the inspection body issues a conformity certificate when exported or imported products are found to conform with the marketing standards.

The customs authority releases the goods only if such as certificate has been issued.

- There are not as yet trader that have been exempted from the control system

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- A detailed procedure for the controls at the retail shops and wholesale market has been adopted. This involved the issuance of certain documents (visit reports) and leads to the enforcement of penalties by the competent authority in cases where non conformity cases are met.

# Conformity checks - internal market / point of export and point of import

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internal market / point of export and point of import:

The importers provide the inspection body with all the necessary information for organizing the checks which include time and date of packing, quantities, type of products, destination, etc.



# Approval of checking operations performed by third countries prior to import into Cyprus

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- Products that enter RoC from Third Countries that had their checking operation approved by the Member States are checked at a frequency of at least 60%
- Data on the number of consignments (number of lots and total quantities imported from these countries) are communicated to the Community on a quarterly basis.

# Product intended for processing

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- Our inspection body issues a conformity certificate for industrial purposes for fresh fruit and vegetables that are intended for processing in Third Countries or enter RoC from Third Countries for processing.

# Method of inspection

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- Traders that move products to and from other Member States notify the Inspection body in advance of their intention.
- when checks are being carried out the Inspection body issues the conformity certificate

# Method of inspection - 2

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When goods are not conform with the standards, the inspection body issues a rejection notice. A copy is send to the interested party, the country of production.

The inspection body in cases of non conformity of products from Third Country notifies the Commission.



# Other provisions in National Legislation

# Fees from the issuance of the Conformity and Phytosanitary Certificates

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- Transfer to Europe
  - 1 CyP for the issuance of a Conformity Certificate (up to 5000 boxes)
  - 3 CyP for the issuance of a Conformity Certificate (from 5001 boxes)
- Export to Third Countries
  - 1 CyP for the issuance of a Conformity Certificate (up to 5000 boxes)
  - 3 CyP for the issuance of a Conformity Certificate (from 5001 boxes)
  - 5 CyP for the issuance of a Phytosanitary Certificate (Third Countries)
- Import from a Third Country
  - 5 CyP for the issuance of a Conformity Certificate

# Inspection Fees on product that are exported or imported to and from Third Countries

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## ■ Citrus:

- 1 cent /box
- 2 cent / box – re inspection or rejected
- 11cent per 250kilos of fruits inspection or reinspection

## ■ Fresh Vegetables

- 1 cent /box – inspection or re inspection or rejected

Thank you

No Questions allowed