

## South Korea to receives Philippines Hass Avocados

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DA-BPI Assistant Director for Regulatory Services Ruel C. Gesmundo, DA-Region XI Director Abel James Moteagudo, Dole Philippines Senior Vice President and Stanfilco Division General Manager Tetsuya Kitae, led the ceremony. The initial shipment of 3,040 boxes, with an estimated value of \$ 48,433, is expected to arrive in Pyongtaek Port, South Korea on October 8, 2023.

It was on September 25, 2009, when the Philippines, through the Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI), officially expressed its intent to export fresh Hass avocado fruits to Korea, responding to the request of Dole Philippines. The Department of Animal and Plant Quarantine Agency (APQA) of the Republic of Korea and DA-BPI have reached a historic agreement on June 19, 2023 and came into effect as of September 8, 2023.

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