

Malaysia to import eggs to fulfil domestic need

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Malaysia will import eggs as a short-term measure to alleviate a local supply shortage, Mohamad Sabu, Agriculture and Food Security Minister said in a statement.

According to the local media, the ministry has identified a number of sources to ensure a sufficient supply of chicken eggs in the market. The ministry will also ensure that chicken eggs are safe to consume and meet the set standards. All protocols and procedures set by the government must be followed without compromise.

The minister said that the initiative to import eggs was not to put pressure on the local industry players but to ensure that the supply of eggs in the country was not interrupted and the welfare of the people was looked after.

He mentioned that the need to bring in chicken eggs from outside will be reviewed once the supply of chicken eggs has stabilised. He added that he has directed the ministry's secretary general to look at the impact of importing chicken eggs from overseas on existing local players. He also asked Agrobank to submit proposals to help suppliers and small entrepreneurs to remain competitive.