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Israelâ??s Ministry of Agriculture is opening quotas for the import of eggs with exemption from customs duty to authorised marketers from countries from which the Ministry has approved imports, in order to increase the supply of eggs and to meet the growing demand prior to Passover. The opening of imports at this time will allow importers to organise themselves so that they can import eggs in preparation for the increase in demand for the festival, as is the case every year.

In general, the State of Israel produces the vast majority of eggs consumed in Israel, amounting to approximately 2.2 billion eggs per year. However, as is the case every year in the run-up to Passover, as well as the Tishrei [September / October] festivals, the demand for eggs increases. Therefore, again this year the Ministry approved import quotas of an amount of 40 million eggs, with exemption from customs duty, which will supplement the local production. Currently, egg imports are approved from five countries Spain, Italy, Ukraine, Poland and Argentina. According to the estimates of professionals, the importers will only import eggs in accordance with the local demand, as is the case every year, certainly in light of the global price of eggs, which has risen significantly over recent months.

Professional echelon officials at the Ministry of Agriculture continue to monitor, and as necessary, will act to increase egg import quotas in accordance with supply and demand in the local market.