

Editor's Note

Dear readers,

In January - February 2018 edition, we bring to our readers exclusive reports on rice and dates. Pakistan can capture India's US\$ 260 million rice business with the European Union following the EU's zero tolerance on Tricyclazole chemical found in Indian grains.

India has emerged as the major importers of dried dates from Pakistan as it imported 171,004 tonnes of dates during the year 2016-17 against the imports of 113,146 tonnes last year. Fresh dates are exported to the UK, USA, Germany, Turkey, South Africa Denmark etc., while more than 90% of dried dates are exported to India via Lahore.

At FRUIT LOGISTICA, the leading exhibition for the global fruit trade more than 3,100 exhibitors from over 80 countries presented their products, services and technical solutions across the entire value chain. Over 75,000 buyers and trade visitors from more than 130 countries benefited from the comprehensive range of exhibitors.

This year's International Green Week Berlin once again served the interests of both groups of visitors. Between 19 and 28 January some 400,000 visitors flocked to the exhibition halls at Berlin's Funkturm, including 90,000 trade visitors.

The 2018 edition of Gulfood, the world's largest annual food and beverage trade event and the first major international food industry trade show of the year, will further strengthen the UAE's lead role in setting the global food agenda, according to the exhibition organisers, Dubai World Trade Centre (DWTC).

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