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Pakistani mango consignment rejected



A shipment of the fruit has been rejected in the Netherlands due to the presence of fruit fly

An airfreighted consignment of mangoes from Pakistan has been turned away in Amsterdam after the presence of fruit fly was discovered by inspectors.

The rejection of the mangoes marks the first time this season that any volumes of the fruit from Pakistan has been rejected by the EU, the Express Tribune reported.

"This is the first rejection of any mango consignment this season," explained Dr Mubarak Ahmed, director general of Pakistan's Department of Plant Protection. "We have further tightened up the clearance measures to control the situation."

Prior to last week's discovery,

which was made in a 4.5 tonne consignment of the fruit, Pakistan has exported some 26,000 tonnes of mangoes to the European Union so far this export campaign.