

THE LATEST ON EU AGRI-FOOD POLICIES IMPACTING LOW-INCOME & MIDDLE-INCOME COUNTRIES

## EU-Moldova Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area

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Decision No <u>1/2025</u> of the EU-Moldova Association Committee in Trade Configuration on the reduction and elimination of customs duties

Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) <u>2025/2009</u> as regards the quantities that may be imported under certain tariff quotas following the amendment of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Moldova

## What is changing and why?

The European Union (EU) and Moldova have reached agreement on expanding their trade relations. This provides greater access to the EU market for Moldovan apples, cherries, garlic, grapes, grape juice, plums, and tomatoes, as shown in Table 1.

The agreement includes a safeguard clause that allows the EU to reintroduce tariffs if imports cause social or economic disruption either across the EU or in any EU Member State. Moldova has agreed to align its national rules on pesticides with EU rules by the end of 2027.

To support the country's trade in the context of the Ukraine war, in 2022 the EU permitted imports of all agricultural products from Moldova at zero duty, but these measures expired in July 2025.

## **Timeline**

The revised quotas in Table 1 apply from 4 October 2025.

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Grapes, table

Plums

**Tomatoes** 

Table 1 Improved market access to the European Union under the reviewed EU–Moldova DCFTA			
Product	Quota order number <sup>[1]</sup>	DCFTA <sup>[2]</sup> tariff rate quotas (tonnes)	
		Current	Reviewed
Apples	09.6803	40,000	50,000
Cherries	09.6806	1,500	4,500
Garlic	09.6801	220	Full liberalisation <sup>[3]</sup>
Grape juice	09.6805	500	Full liberalisation <sup>[3]</sup>

20,000

15,000

2,000

40,000

61,000

Full liberalisation[3]

- 1. Further details for each quota (listed by order number) can be found under Regulation 2020/1988, Annex I.
- 2. DCFTA: Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area.
- 3. Full liberalisation: zero duty for all imports, no quota.

09.6802

09.6804

09.6800



Source: Regulation 2025/2009

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