The Indo Canadian Bilateral discussions took place in New Delhi on 27-28 April 2015 where one of the major areas of discussions was concerning market access for Indian grapes.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Canadian side has communicated that India can export fresh grapes subject to a trial period during which Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will inspect up to 100% of the consignment entering Canada to verify compliance. The following conditions apply:

1. Vineyards and pack houses must be registered.
2. Traceability must be maintained.
3. Pest freedom must be ensured.
4. NPPO must inspect minimum 2% of the packed fruit cartons.
5. The Canadian importers must obtain import permit.
6. The phyto sanitary certificate, issued by the NPPO of India, must include the following additional declaration: “This shipment has been inspected and found free of all life stages of any pests regulated by Canada”.

Place: New Delhi

Date: 19.5.2015

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