

# Malaysian Market Poised for Growth: Why Greek and Latvian Products Are the Perfect Fit

With rising demand for premium, traceable foods, Malaysia offers big potential for Greek and Latvian products known for quality, tradition, and authenticity.

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- As global
demand for high-quality, traceable, and
ethically produced food continues to
rise, Malaysia has emerged as one of
the most promising export markets for
European agricultural
products—particularly those from
Greece and Latvia. Backed by the



European Union's campaign "<u>Premium European Products – Better Knowledge, Better Choices</u>," the latest promotional initiative focuses on introducing Malaysian consumers to Europe's finest, from PDO-certified Greek delicacies to Latvian dairy, sweets, and snacks.

Malaysia: A Strategic Market for European Expansion

Malaysia's evolving food landscape, strong trade infrastructure, and health-conscious middle class make it an ideal gateway for <u>premium European products</u>. Malaysian consumers are increasingly seeking safe, high-quality, and sustainably produced food, aligning perfectly with EU values on food safety, environmental responsibility, and animal welfare.

With its central location in Southeast Asia, Malaysia also serves as a strategic springboard for wider regional distribution, offering European producers access not just to Malaysian households, but to broader ASEAN markets as well.

A Rising Demand for Authenticity and Quality

With Malaysia's expanding middle class and growing interest in wellness, provenance, and culinary diversity, demand for imported European foods has seen a significant uptick. Greek and Latvian products—many protected under the EU's prestigious PDO (Protected Designation of

Origin) scheme—are well-positioned to meet this demand.

"These products aren't just about taste—they represent tradition, traceability, and trust," said a spokesperson for the EU quality schemes. "Malaysian consumers are discerning, and they are actively seeking products that are responsibly produced, nutrient-rich, and globally certified."

### European Standards that Inspire Confidence

All products promoted under this campaign are manufactured in accordance with strict EU food safety and quality standards. The EU's farm-to-fork strategy ensures minimal pesticide use, hygiene excellence, and traceability throughout the production chain. Animal welfare is a key priority, with regulations that guarantee ethical treatment, open environments, and healthy living conditions for livestock.

This aligns with growing demand in Malaysia for responsibly sourced and certified products that go beyond taste to reflect sustainability and integrity.

#### Trade Ties Strengthen as Demand Surges

As trade relations between the European Union and Malaysia continue to strengthen, the import of European agricultural products is on the rise. European exports to Malaysia have shown consistent growth, supported by increasing consumer awareness and trust in European food quality. This surge is supported by targeted campaigns like "Premium European Products," which elevate product visibility through tastings, educational outreach, and trade engagement.

## Among the highlights:

- 1. Greek PDO products such as Extra Virgin Olive Oil from Kolymvari and Messara, table olives, saffron from Kozani (Krokos Kozanis), raisins, hard cheeses (Graviera Kritis), and mastic gum represent centuries of heritage and unmatched quality.
- 2. Latvian dairy products are praised for their purity, safety, and animal-friendly production practices, making them an ideal fit for Malaysian consumers who prioritize both nutrition and ethics.
- 3. Latvian chocolates, candied fruits, and gourmet snacks offer a European twist on indulgence—naturally appealing to Malaysia's diverse and adventurous taste preferences.

The Greek Contribution: Mediterranean Excellence

Greek exports bring the richness of the Mediterranean to Malaysian homes. Products like PDO Konservolia Rovion and Konservolia Stylidas olives offer natural fermentation methods without chemicals, ensuring purity and Mediterranean taste. Renowned cheeses such as Graviera Kritis and Krokos Kozanis saffron stand out for their heritage, nutritional value, and versatility in both local and international cuisines.

High-quality extra virgin olive oils—like those from Messara, Viannos, and Kolymvari—are already finding their place in Malaysian gourmet cooking, while Mastiha from Chios, an ancient resin with therapeutic uses, offers innovation for both culinary and wellness markets.

Latvia's Dairy and Confectionery: Innovation Meets Purity

Latvia's reputation for dairy excellence brings forward products that are both traditional and modern. Curd snacks covered in chocolate or caramel, sour cream with rich texture, semi-hard and organic cheeses, and low-sugar fermented milk drinks resonate with Malaysia's health-aware consumers. These are complemented by salad cheeses, cottage cheese, and UHT cream, supporting a range of dietary lifestyles from family meals to gourmet plating.

Latvian producers also offer candied fruits, MSG-free potato chips, and Rainforest Alliance-certified chocolates and biscuits, appealing to Malaysia's growing sustainability-focused retail and hospitality sectors.

For more information about the "Premium European Products" campaign, please visit <a href="https://premiumeuropeanproducts.eu/">https://premiumeuropeanproducts.eu/</a> or email us to info@premiumeuropeanproducts.eu.

Pages dedicated to this program can be found on Instagram, Facebook and YouTube, @premiumeuropeanproducts.

#### Notes to Editor

About National Union of Agricultural Cooperatives of Greece (ETHEAS)

Founded by Greece's leading cooperatives and established by Greek law, ETHEAS is the national coordinating body of Agricultural Cooperatives in Greece. With over 300 member cooperatives representing approximately 80% of Greece's total agricultural cooperative turnover, ETHEAS aims to foster rural and cooperative development, support and promote its members' activities domestically and internationally, provide expert opinions on cooperative movement agricultural production and sector development, supervise the dissemination and promotion of cooperative ideas, and serve and educate its members through studies, research projects, and assignments.

# About Latvian Dairy Committee (LDC)

The Latvian Dairy Committee (LDC), established in 1995, represents Latvian dairy processing sector and aims to protect its interests. It consists of 17 members processing approximately 80% of industrially produced milk in Latvia.

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