

# Poultry Firms Oppose Ban

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Local poultry producers wrote to First Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Zubkov seeking to prevent expanding the ban on the use of frozen poultry as well as retail sales starting Jan. 1, Kommersant reported Monday.

The proposed ban on use of frozen poultry in all processed products is “impossible to implement in many cases,” and will drive domestic prices up, Kommersant reported, citing a letter signed by 12 major processing farms. Extending the ban effectively halts Russian poultry imports, the newspaper said.

Public health chief Gennady Onishchenko said last week that Russia will ban use and retail sales of deep-frozen poultry starting Jan. 1, expanding the measure first announced in 2008, Kommersant said. ❏

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