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Ministry Proposes Ban on Government Procurement of Foreign Clothing and Footwear

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The Industry and Trade Ministry has proposed a ban on government procurement of clothes and footwear manufactured abroad and from foreign-made materials, a news report said Monday.

The draft order, which is likely to affect the purchase of military, law-enforcement and other state agencies' uniforms, made a single exception: garments produced in Belarus would be allowed, Interfax reported.

The document, published on a government legislative acts website, is intended as an immediate replacement for a previous regulation that also imposed some restrictions on imports of government uniforms and textiles for military needs, which had been slated to last through the end of 2014.

The new rules, if adopted, would be in effect through Dec. 31, 2016.

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