

Moscow to Raid Supermarkets to Test Compliance With Food Ban

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Moscow authorities are set to launch raids targeting area supermarkets to check for compliance with Russia's recent ban on certain imported foods, Izvestia reported Wednesday.

Supermarkets are in the process of compiling lists of banned goods presently stocked on their shelves and establishing time frames within which these products will likely be phased out, Alexei Nemeryuk, head of the Moscow city government's trade department, said in comments carried by Izvestia.

By consulting these lists, the city will be able to track the expected dates of departure for the last of the pre-ban imports. Once this time has passed, raids will begin to ensure compliance, Nemeryuk told Izvestia. The checks may begin as early as one month from now, he said.

On Aug. 6, President Vladimir Putin signed a decree ordering the prohibition of certain goods imported from the European Union, the United States and other countries that have imposed

sanctions against Russia in connection with the ongoing Ukraine crisis.

The full list of banned goods was published the next day. It includes fish, meat, poultry and dairy products from the EU, U.S., Canada, Australia, Norway and Japan.

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