

Supreme Court Says Russia's Food Embargo Legal

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Russia's Supreme Court on Tuesday turned down a Siberian factory's suit against the government's embargo on Norwegian fish, one of a series of food imports that were banned by Russia in response to Western sanctions, news agency RBC reported.

The privately owned fish factory had argued that the embargoes "contradict the main aims of government policy on developing small and mid-sized business," the report said.

Following the decision, the factory's CEO Mikhail Zub said Russian fish processing plants would go bankrupt without deliveries of Norwegian salmon, RBC reported.

Zub earlier told The Moscow Times that there was no real alternative to Norwegian imports, as domestic production can't meet demand, and Chilean fish — which has been touted as a substitute — is more expensive and, being shipped frozen, less suitable for processing.

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