

Russia Hits French Chain Auchan With Food Inspections

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Russian authorities conducted "systematic" inspections at French supermarket chain Auchan following concerns about poor-quality meat, officials said Wednesday.

The inspections come at a time of tension between France and Russia over the extension of European Union sanctions and France's decision to cancel a deal to provide warships to Russia.

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"Since the middle of June, a systematic, complete, planned inspection of all shops from the Auchan chain in Moscow has been underway," Popova said.

The inspections were planned months in advance and are a regular procedure, agency spokeswoman Anna Sergeyeva told The Associated Press, adding that on-the-ground checks have now finished and the agency is waiting for results of lab tests. Findings should be published within two weeks, she said.

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