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Ukraine Expands Ban on Russian Goods

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Kiev has added 70 new items to its list of banned Russian goods, the RIA Novosti news agency reported Wednesday, citing Ukrainian Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk.

“These are countermeasures against Russia's economic aggression, we will continue to protect our domestic market,” Yatsenyuk was quoted by the news agency as saying.

Certain vegetables, as well as sauces, ketchup and baked goods have been added to the list, according to Ukrainian Deputy Economic Development and Trade Minister Natalya Mikolskaya, RIA Novosti reported.

Individuals importing banned Russian goods to Ukraine will be fined and the products will be confiscated.

The ban on these Russian products, which entered into force on Jan. 10 will last until Aug. 5 or until Russia cancels its ban on imports of agricultural products, food and raw materials from Ukraine.

Russia prohibited imports of a number of Ukrainian food items starting from Jan. 1.

President Vladimir Putin also signed a decree suspending Russia's free trade agreement with Ukraine, that also came into effect on Jan. 1.

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