
RUSSIA BANS ARMENIAN DAIRY AS RELATIONS CONTINUE TO SOUR

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Moscows food-safety concerns tend to mirror ups and downs in political relations with source nations.

The souring of relations between Moscow and Yerevan took a bit of a literal turn over the weekend when Russia suspended imports of dairy products from Armenia. While Moscow insists its new ban is based on safety concerns, skeptics point at Russias long record of using food bans to punish wayward satraps.

The food fight comes as Armenians question their military alliance with Russia and debate their theoretical obligation under international law to detain Russian President Vladimir Putin, who was recently indicted for war crimes, were he to visit.

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