
FRANCE TIGHTENS CHECKS ON FOOD IMPORTS AMID FARMERS' MERCOSUR OPPOSITION

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The French government said on Sunday it was tightening checks on several food imports in a bid to ease concerns of farmers who have been protesting at what they say is unfair competition from countries with looser regulations.

French farmers have been protesting over a planned European trade deal with the South American Mercosur bloc, and other issues including measures to contain a livestock disease.

Agriculture Minister Annie Genevard said the tighter checks would make sure food coming from outside the EU did not include substances banned in food produced in the bloc.

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