

Auchan Banned From Selling Non-prepackaged Goods in Russia

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A Moscow Court has ordered French retail chain Auchan to suspend sales of bulk and unpackaged food goods in Russia, according to a statement released by the Moscow branch of consumer rights watchdog Rospotrebnadzor on Monday.

Auchan appealed a ban imposed on the chain by the watchdog earlier this year following a series of sanitary checks that resulted in alleged violations and a fine of 25 million rubles (\$390,000), but the Moscow Arbitration Court ruled in Rospotrebnadzor's favor.

The ban applies to food items that are sold in bulk and not pre-packaged, such as tea, frozen shrimp, dumplings, vegetable mixes, semi-processed meat and vegetables, as well as cookies, candy, nuts and dried food.

Auchan has also come under scrutiny for alleged sanitary violations from the agriculture

watchdog Rosselkhoznadzor. Inspectors found a number of violations in Auchan locations in Moscow and the surrounding Moscow concerning storage, processing and sales of meat products.

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