

Decree of 5 January 2026 suspending the import, introduction and placing on the market, free of charge or for a fee, in France, of foodstuffs from countries outside the European Union containing residues of certain active substances in plant protection products that are prohibited for use in the European Union.

Press release

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'Decree of 5 January 2026: CSIF lodges appeals with the Council of State'

On Tuesday 13 January 2026, the CSIF lodged an appeal for annulment (i.e. on the merits) and an appeal for suspension (i.e. as a matter of urgency) with the Council of State against the decree of 5 January 2026.

CSIF member companies are already suffering economic damage as a result of this decree, which contains numerous inaccuracies and does not comply with European rules. The aim of the urgent appeal is to suspend the implementation of the text as quickly as possible, pending the judgment on the merits. The appeal on the merits aims to maintain the alignment of the regulations in force on the French market with those of the European Union.

The CSIF points out that companies importing fresh fruit and vegetables already fully assume their responsibilities regarding the quality and safety of their products, particularly with regard to consumer health protection.

Philippe Pons, president of the CSIF, states: *"We believe that the decree of 5 January is more of a communication exercise than an effective health measure. However, since its publication, the supply of fruit and vegetables from third countries and trade relations have been severely disrupted. To stop this damage, we are calling for a return to EU rules, which are the only guarantee of the normal functioning of the market."*

About the CSIF:

CSIF member companies represent a combined tonnage of 1.7 million tonnes, with a turnover of €1.5 billion, accounting for around 70% of fruit and vegetables from third countries sold in France. Fruit and vegetables from third countries account for 30% of fresh fruit and vegetable consumption in France (source: CTIFL).

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