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Subject: Extension of Russian sanctions against the EU food industry

On 22 June, in a bid to ensure it complies with the Minsk peace agreement, the European Union's foreign ministers agreed to officially extend the economic sanctions imposed on Russia for its role in the Ukraine crisis until 31 January 2016.

In response to the EU's decision to extend sanctions against Russia, the Russian Prime Minister, Dmitry Medvedev, ordered his government to prepare a request to President Vladimir Putin to extend Russia's embargo on European foodstuffs for a further six months.

What are the overall commercial losses for the EU as a result of this situation, and how is the EU's agricultural and fishing industry being compensated for its losses? What are the forecasts for the next six months?