

EU blocks Ukraine grain imports to five countries including Poland

The European Union has blocked grain imports to Poland and four other countries following concerns low-cost products will damage farmers' businesses

The European Union has again extended a ban on Ukrainian grain imports to five countries, including Poland.

The move follows anger and protests from Polish farmers who were left with unsold grain or forced to sell it cheaply when faced with lower Ukrainian prices.

Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Krzysztof Cieciora explained: "We have fulfilled their main demand, i.e. stopping the pressure of grain imports from Ukraine.

"Today there is no such permission. It is not legal until September 15 at least. These grains will not flow to Poland. Only transit is possible."

Although the decision of the EU, supported by the government, brings temporary relief, it was not met with much approval from Polish farmers, who fear that in a few months, they will face the same problems again.

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