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France bans plastic packaging for many fruits and vegetables

13.10.2021 - Around 30 types of fruit and vegetables may only be sold without plastic packaging in France from next year. The responsible ministries announced a corresponding regulation on Monday. Consumers will only be able to find cucumbers, potatoes, carrots, leeks, zucchini, eggplants and cauliflower on the vegetable shelves without plastic packaging. In the case of fruit, apples, pears, mandarins and oranges are affected.

etables with plastic packaging may still be sold over the counter. The ban is to be gradually extended to more and more products. From 2026 onwards, no more fruit and vegetables will be allowed to be sold in plastic./vio/DP/men (dpa)



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With the ban, the French government wants to reduce plastic waste.

An estimated 37 percent of vegetables and fruits in France are currently sold in plastic packaging, the ministries explained. The rules are expected to save more than a billion plastic packages a year, according to the statement. Until six months after the ban comes into force, remaining stocks of fruit and veg-