

Rwanda bans imports from South Africa over Listeriosis scare

Rwanda has banned the import of vegetables and fruits from South Africa over the listeriosis disease. The ban, aimed to prevent the spread of the disease to Rwanda, became effective on December 19, according to a statement from Rwanda's Ministry of Agriculture.

Xinhuanet learned that the death toll from a listeriosis outbreak in South Africa has risen to 41. Listeriosis is a serious, but treatable and preventable disease caused by the bacterium *Listeria Monocytogenes*, which is widely distributed in nature and can be found in soil, water and vegetation.

Symptoms from the food-borne disease include diarrhoea, fever, general body pains, vomiting and weakness. More at risk of developing the disease are new-borns, the elderly, pregnant women and persons with a compromised immunity.

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