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Pristina threatens to block import of goods from central Serbia

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Kosovo will block import of goods from Serbia unless Belgrade recognizes the jurisdiction of Kosovo Customs, Kosovo's Trade Minister Ljutvi Zarku said on Monday.

"Unless Serbia instantly lifts the ban on import and transit of Kosovo's products throughout its territory, Pristina will resort to reciprocal measures," Zarku told Pristina's daily Express.

"Kosovo is poised to protecting its engagements arising from the Central-European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA), but, if Serbia doesn't want it, Kosovo will have no other option but to block Serbia's goods and ban entry and transit of such goods through Kosovo's territory," Zarku said.

As of December 3, Serbia as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina blocked goods from Kosovo stamped with Kosovo Customs instead of previously used UNMIK stamps.