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Stockpiling Of Food Banned In Venezuela, Fingerprint Scanners Appear In Stores

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News reports indicate that Venezuela is starting to install fingerprint scanners in supermarkets as a way of preventing ‘[food hoarding](#)’. Venezuela is experiencing widespread shortages of most foodstuffs including the most basic such as bread, flour and grains as well as an acute shortage of medicines.

Unable to buy imported food due to a plummeting currency and falling oil prices resulting in a lack of revenue, Venezuelans are becoming increasingly desperate.

President Maduro has accused Colombian food smugglers of buying up massive amounts of staples to sell back to people at vastly marked up prices.

The scanners that are being installed in stores are to prevent people buying more than their allotted quota as the implementation of rationing begins.

In a statement President Maduro said:

“We will establish 20,000 fingerprint readers throughout the socialist system to guarantee the people their food. And also (there) has been a meeting today with the seven major private channels and all voluntarily join the establishment of the secure supply system,” said the president in an announcement translated from Spanish on his website. ([source](#))

An Executive Order from Barack Obama this week saw further sanctions applied to some Venezuelan citizens including freezing their assets in the United States and the prevention of United States’ businesses trading with them. The reasoning behind the sanctions, according to Obama is the “unusual and

extraordinary threat” that Venezuela poses to the security and foreign policy of the United States.

The White House stated:

This new authority is aimed at persons involved in or responsible for the erosion of human rights guarantees, persecution of political opponents, curtailment of press freedoms, use of violence and human rights violations and abuses in response to anti-government protests, and arbitrary arrest and detention of anti-government protesters, as well as the significant public corruption by senior government officials in Venezuela. ([source](#))

The citizens of the United States need to watch how this plays out. As [Henry Kissinger](#) famously said:

Control oil and you control nations; control food and you control the people.

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