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USPA NEWS - Now, it will be difficult to find an open bakery during pick time holiday, meaning July & August. For the first time since the French Revolution, bakers in Paris are allowed to take the whole summer off, meaning you might just struggle to find a fresh baguette...

The topic of bread is taken very seriously in FRANCE. And up until this summer, officials had historic laws ensuring that Parisians have access to their daily bread. So, the authorities had the obligation to have the bread-eating considered as public's interest. The bakeries are so essential that they used to be requisitioned. It goes back to the French Revolution, the authorities passed a Law meaning that all bakeries would have to report to authorities exactly when they planned to close their shops in order to ensure some were always open and locals could at least get some bread. The requisitioning of the bakeries was ordered after a Parisian baker was hung from a lamppost in October 21, 1789 by a starving mob.

And every summer for 225 years, this law has remained in place, with around twenty to thirty bakers each year being hit with fines for not playing along with the rules. Albeit only between 11 Euros and 33 Euros. There are fear now that Paris could turn into a desert when it comes to bread, given August is already the most popular month for residents and businessmen to take holidays.

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