



The letter was sent Tuesday to relevant departments, including the foreign and commerce ministries, he said.

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Lotte has come under mounting pressure from Beijing since it signed a land swap deal with the Korean military under which one of its properties was offered as the site for a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense (THAAD) battery.

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China protests the THAAD system which is a threat to its security interests.

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Lotte could suffer a loss of 116.1 billion won (US\$104 million) if all 90 outlets are suspended for a month, according to industry estimates.

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