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With the acquisition Agrimex, Hamé, a food company based in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, specialising in liver pâté, ready meals, ketchup, jam, and tinned vegetables, will strengthen its position in the frozen vegetable category.

Orkla executive vice president and chief executive officer said: "Agrimex and Hamé are a good fit. We are market leader in several categories in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, and by purchasing Agrimex we will also acquire a solid foothold in frozen vegetables. Furthermore, we are strengthening our position in the out-of-home sector since more than one fourth of Agrimex's sales are made through this channel."

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