Woman denied French citizenship for 'refusing to shake official's hand'

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A woman was denied French nationality after refusing to shake hands with officials during the official citizenship ceremony, it has been reported this week.

The Algerian woman was attending the official ceremony in Isere south east France after her successfully applying for citizenship via her marriage to a French national.

But she "expressly refused to shake hands with the secretary-general of the prefecture and another local official", according to a case heard by France's highest court the Conseil d'Etat (State Council) that was published on the