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to WTO

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Report Highlights:

Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) veterinary regulations regarding some dairy products and feed additives via G/SPS/N/RUS/217 and G/SPS/N/RUS/218, respectively. According to Russia's notifications, the public comment period for the drafts will close on May 21, 2021. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by May 7, 2021.





General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union¹ (EAEU), published the following draft documents on its website:

- On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011
- On Amending Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Supervision)
- On Amending the Unified List of Goods subject to Veterinary Control (Supervision)

The Russian Federation notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the above drafts via <u>G/SPS/N/RUS/217</u> and <u>G/SPS/N/RUS/218</u> on March 22, 2021. Per Russia's notifications, the public comment period for the drafts will close on May 21, 2021. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (<u>us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov</u>). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by May 7, 2021.

The draft EAEU measure notified via <u>G/SPS/N/RUS/217</u> covers amendments to the form of a unified EAEU veterinary health certificate No. 28 for milk and dairy products exported to the customs territory of the EAEU. The draft measure provides for the use of this veterinary certificate for goods made from milk, in which animal fat is replaced by vegetable fat by more than 50 percent.

The draft EAEU measures notified via <u>G/SPS/N/RUS/218</u> provide for inclusion of feed additives classified under the EAEU HS code 3823 in the Unified EAEU list of goods subject to veterinary control, as well as specification of veterinary measures applied to such feed additives.

An unofficial English translation of the notified measures can be found below.

As for the other EAEU and WTO members, which also apply the EAEU veterinary regulations, Kyrgyzstan notified the same measures via G/SPS/N/KGZ/21 and G/SPS/N/KGZ/20, while Armenia and Kazakhstan are yet to notify the measures to the WTO.

¹ For details, please see 2016 GAIN report <u>RS1611 Eurasian Economic Union One Year On.</u>

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM

DECISION

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On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Protocol on the Application of Sanitary, Veterinary and Sanitary and Quarantine Phytosanitary Measures (Annex No. 12 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014) and paragraph 19 of Annex No. 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 98 of December 23, 2014, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

- 1. To amend Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011, "On the Forms of the Unified Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union from Third Countries" as follows:
- a) item 28 shall read as follows: "Veterinary certificate for milk, derived from cattle, sheep and goats, and dairy products, exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union" (form No. 28) (attached);"
- b) in the form of the veterinary certificate for milk and dairy products derived from cattle, sheep and goats, exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (form No. 28):

the title of the certificate shall read as follows: "Veterinary certificate for milk, derived from cattle, sheep and goats, and dairy products, exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union;"

throughout the text of the certificate form the words "dairy products" in the corresponding case shall be replaced with the words "dairy products" in the corresponding case;

in paragraph three of item 4 the words "pre-export certificates" shall be replaced with the words "pre-export certificates*;"

item 4.1. shall read as follows: "Milk exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union is derived from healthy animals, and dairy products are produced at dairy processing establishments."

It shall be supplemented with the following note:

"Note. The present veterinary certificate shall also be used for exports of goods (food products) from the EAEU HS subgroups 1901 and 2106, included in the Unified list of goods that are subject to veterinary control (surveillance), containing dairy components in any amount.;"

It shall be supplemented with the following footnote:

"*For member states of the European Union. In this case, a pre-export certificate is deemed an accompanying document (official certificate) issued by a certifying official of the competent authority of a member state of the European Union for the movement within the territory of the European Union confirming that the goods indicated therein are subject to veterinary control (supervision) meeting the veterinary and sanitary requirements of the Eurasian Economic Union."

- 2. To establish that printed forms of veterinary certificates issued in accordance with Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011, prior to entry into force of the present Decision, shall be used through July 1, 2022.
 - 3. The present Decision shall come into effect 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission

M. Myasnikovich

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On Amendments to Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Supervision)

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 58 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and paragraph 22 of Annex No. 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 98 of December 23, 2014, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

- 1. In Annex No. 1 to the Unified veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) requirements for goods subject to veterinary control (supervision), approved by decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, in column 2 of item 681 the words "from 3824" shall be replaced with the words "from 3823, from 3824."
- 2. The present Decision shall come into effect as of the date of entry into force of Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission on amending the Unified list of goods that are subject to veterinary control (supervision) to supplement it with the EAEU HS code 3823.

Chairman of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL

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On Amendments to the Unified List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Supervision)

In accordance with item 1 of Article 58 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and item 45 of Annex No. 1 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 98 of December 23, 2014, the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission has resolved:

- 1. In the Unified list of goods subject to veterinary control (supervision), approved by decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, in the item with the following EAEU HS codes from 1518 00, from 2102, from 2309, from 2936, from 3002, from 3203 00, from 3302, from 3504 00, from 3507, from 3808, from 3824, in column one the words "from 3824" shall be replaced with the words "from 3823, from 3824."
 - 2. The present Decision shall come into effect 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Members of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission:

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Attachments:

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