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**Report Name:** Russia Continues to Fine Tune its Food Ban to Import  
Substitution Needs

**Country:** Russian Federation

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**Report Highlights:**

The Russian Government amended the list of agricultural products that are subject to Russia's food ban to exclude breeding grapevine and brown garden snails from the ban as of March 9, 2021. Another relaxation of the Russian food ban is planned for 2021 as a draft government decree proposes to exclude fry of a hybrid of the African sharptooth catfish (*Clarias gariepinus* and *Heterobranchus longifilis*) from the ban for a fishery project in the Russian Far East. This report contains unofficial English translations of both measures mentioned above, as well as Russia's food import ban, listing the countries and products covered, as it currently stands.

## General Information

On February 25, 2021, the Russian Government issued [decree No. 253](#), amending the list of agricultural products that are subject to Russia's food ban to exclude breeding grapevine and brown garden snails from the ban. The decree came into force as of March 9, 2021. According to the decree, an import permit from the Ministry of Agriculture will be required for these products. The decree also corrects what appears to be a technical mistake for some dairy items due to lapsing of the Russian Government decree No. 453 of April 6, 2020, from January 1, 2021. For details, please, see GAIN report [RS2020-0017 Some Whey and Seeds Excluded from Russian Food Ban](#).

Another relaxation of the Russian food ban is planned for 2021 as Russia continues to fine tune the food ban to its import substitution needs. A respective draft amendment to the food ban was posted on the Russian Government website for public discussion of draft regulations on April 2, 2021. The draft proposes to exclude fry of a hybrid of the African sharp-toothed catfish (*Clarias gariepinus* and *Heterobranchus longifilis*) from the ban. The explanatory note for the draft specifies that the measure was prepared in view of the implementation of an innovative project in the Russian Far East where a new fishery complex is being built by a Russian company jointly with Dutch specialists. The goal of the project is to reduce Russian dependence on imported fish products.

Below please find unofficial translations of Government decree No. 253 of February 25, 2021, and draft decree of April 2, 2021, as well as attachment to the initial Government decree of 2014, listing the countries and products covered, as it currently stands.

For the original Russian ban and related amendments, please see GAIN reports:

2014:

- [RSATO017 Russia Announces Ban on Variety of US Agricultural Products](#),
- [RS1455 Amended List of Banned US Agricultural Products](#),

2015:

- [RS1540 Russian Food Ban Extended Until August 2016](#),

2016:

- [RS1628 Organic Baby Food Inputs Excluded from Russian Food Ban](#),
- [RSATO038 Russia Extends Import Food Ban through End 2017](#),
- [RS1660 Several Fish Fry Species Excluded from Russia's Countersanctions](#),

2017:

- [RS1741 Russia Extended Food Import Ban through End 2018](#),
- [RS1754 Russia Expands Food Import Ban to Swine and By-Products](#),

2018:

- [RS1821 Russia Extended Food Import Ban through End 2019](#),

2019:

- [RS1907 Russia Extended Food Import Ban through End 2020](#)

2020:

- [RS2020-0017 Some Whey and Seeds Excluded from Russian Food Ban](#)
- [RS2020-0063 Russia Extended Food Import Ban Through End 2021](#).

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**GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

DECREE

No. 253 of February 25, 2021

MOSCOW

**On Amending the Attachment to the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 778 of August 7, 2014**

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. To approve the attached amendments in the attachment to the decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 778 of August 7, 2014 “On the Measures to Implement the Decrees of the President of the Russian Federation No. 560 of August 6, 2014, No. 320 of June 24, 2015, No. 305 of June 29, 2016, No. 293 of June 30, 2017, No. 420 of July 12, 2018, No. 293 of June 24, 2019, and No. 730 of November 21, 2020” (Collection of laws of the Russian Federation, 2014, No. 32, art. 4543; No. 34, art. 4685; 2015, No. 26, art. 3913; No. 33, art. 4856; No. 39, art. 5402; 2016, No. 10, art. 1426; No. 23, art. 3320; No. 28, art. 4733; No. 38, art. 5546; No. 44, art. 6142; 2017, No. 22, art. 3161; No. 28, art. 4164; No. 45, art. 6659; 2018, No. 31, art. 4996; 2019, No. 26, art. 3457; No. 41, art. 5724; 2020, No. 15, art. 2305; No. 51, art. 8443.)

2. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation shall:

develop and approve a procedure for confirmation of intended use of the imported product – 90 percent demineralized whey powder, intended for the production of dry baby formula (breast milk substitutes,) as provided by the attachment to the decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 778 of August 7, 2014 “On the Measures to Implement the Decrees of the President of the Russian Federation No. 560 of August 6, 2014, No. 320 of June 24, 2015, No. 305 of June 29, 2016, No. 293 of June 30, 2017, No. 420 of July 12, 2018, No. 293 of June 24, 2019, and No. 730 of November 21, 2020” and classified under the EAEU HS code 0404, for 2021;

approve the volume of the product specified in the second sub-paragraph of the present paragraph to be imported into the Russian Federation in 2021.

Head of the Government of the  
Russian Federation

M. Mishustin

APPROVED  
by decree of the Government of the  
Russian Federation  
No. 253 of February 25, 2021

**AMENDMENTS**  
**in the Attachment to the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation**  
**No. 778 of August 7, 2014**

1. The following item:

“0302, 0303, 0304, 0305,  
from 0306\*\*, from 0307\*\*,  
0308                      Fish and crustaceous, mollusks and other aquatic  
                                 invertebrates (except for young oysters and mussels (spat),  
                                 spat of white shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*)”

shall read as follows:

“0302, 0303, 0304, 0305,  
from 0306\*\*, from 0307\*\*  
(except from 0307 60 900 0\*\*), 0308                      Fish and crustaceous, mollusks and other aquatic  
                                 invertebrates (except for young oysters and mussels (spat),  
                                 spat of white shrimp (*Litopenaeus vannamei*), breeding  
                                 grapevine snails (*Helix pomatia*)\*\*\*\*\* and breeding  
                                 brown garden snails (*Helix aspersa*)\*\*\*\*\*.”

2. After the item, classified under the EAEU HS codes 0302, 0303, 0304, 0305,  
from 0306\*\*, from 0307\*\*, 0308, the following item shall be added:

“from 0401\*\*, from 0402\*\*,                      Milk and dairy products (except for specialized lactose-free  
from 0403\*\*, from 0404\*\*,                      milk and specialized lactose-free dairy products for  
from 0405\*\*,0406                      therapeutic dietary nutrition and preventive dietary nutrition,  
                                 90 percent demineralized whey powder\*\*\*\*\*)”

3. The following notes eleven and twelve shall be added:

\*\*\*\*\* Given that a permit for the import of breeding products (material) issued by the  
Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation is provided.

\*\*\*\*\* 90 percent demineralized whey powder intended for the production of dry baby  
formula (breast milk substitutes,) provided that the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation  
confirms the intended use of the imported products in accordance with its established procedure and  
within the volume of permitted imports of the specified product in 2021.

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Head of the Government of the  
Russian Federation

D. Medvedev

APPROVED  
by decree of the Government of the  
Russian Federation  
No. \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021

**AMENDMENTS**  
**in the Attachment to the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation**  
**No. 778 of August 7, 2014**

1. The following item:

from 0301  
(except for 0301 11 000 0,  
0301 19 000 0)\*\*

Live fish (except for fry of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)  
and fry of trout (*Salmo trutta*, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*), fry of  
flounder-turbot (*Psetta maxima*), fry of sea perch  
(*Dicentrarchus labrax*), live decorative fish)

shall read as follows:

from 0301  
(except for 0301 11 000 0,  
0301 19 000 0)\*\*

Live fish (except for fry of Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*)  
and fry of trout (*Salmo trutta*, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*), fry of  
flounder-turbot (*Psetta maxima*), fry of sea perch  
(*Dicentrarchus labrax*), fry of a hybrid of the African  
sharptooth catfish (*Clarias gariepinus* and *Heterobranchus*  
*longifilis*), live decorative fish)

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ATTACHMENT  
to the Decree of the Government of the  
Russian Federation  
No. 778 of August 7, 2014  
(as amended through February 25, 2021)

**LIST**

**of agricultural products, raw materials and food, originating from the United States of America, European Union countries, Canada, Australia, the Kingdom of Norway, Ukraine, the Republic of Albania, Montenegro, the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, which are prohibited for import into the Russian Federation through December 31, 2021**

EAEU HS Code	Name of goods*, ***,
0103 (except for 0103 10 000 0)	Live swine (except for pure-bred breeding animals)
0201	Meat of cattle, fresh and chilled
0202*****	Meat of cattle, frozen
0203	Pork fresh, chilled or frozen
0206 (except for 0206 10 100 0, 0206 22 000 1, 0206 29 100 0, 0206 30 000 1, 0206 30 000 3, 0206 41 000 1, 0206 49 000 1, 0206 80 100 0, 0206 90 100 0*****)	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen (except for products for the production of pharmaceutical products*****)
0207*****	Meat and food byproducts of poultry, indicated in the HS item 0105, fresh, chilled or frozen
0209	Pig fat, free of lean meat, and poultry fat, not rendered or otherwise extracted, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked
from 0210**	Meat salted, pickled, dried or smoked
from 0301 (except for 0301 11 000 0, 0301 19 000 0)**	Live fish (except for fry of Atlantic salmon ( <i>Salmo salar</i> ) and fry of trout ( <i>Salmo trutta</i> , <i>Oncorhynchus mykiss</i> ), fry of flounder-turbot ( <i>Psetta maxima</i> ), fry of sea perch ( <i>Dicentrarchus labrax</i> ), live decorative fish)
0302, 0303, 0304, 0305, from 0306**, from 0307** (except from 0307 60 900 0**), 0308	Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates (except for young oysters and mussels (spat), spat of white shrimp ( <i>Litopenaeus vannamei</i> ), breeding grapevine snails ( <i>Helix pomatia</i> )***** and breeding

EAEU HS Code	Name of goods*, ***
	brown garden snails ( <i>Helix aspersa</i> )*****
from 0401**, from 0402**, from 0403**, from 0404**, from 0405**, 0406	Milk and dairy products (except for specialized lactose-free milk and specialized lactose-free dairy products for therapeutic dietary nutrition and preventive dietary nutrition, 90 percent demineralized whey powder*****)
0701 (except for 0701 10 000 0 *****, *****), 0702 00 000, 0703 (except for 0703 10 110 0 *****, *****), 0704, 0705, 0706, 0707 00, 0708, 0709, 0710*****, 0711, 0712***** (except for 0712 90 110 0 *****, *****), 0713 (except for 0713 10 100 0 *****, *****), from 0713 20 000 0**, from 0713 40 000 0**), 0714	Vegetables, edible roots and tuber crops (except for seed potatoes, seed onion, hybrid sweetcorn seed, seed peas, chickpea seeds*****, *****, lentil seeds*****, *****)
0801, 0802, 0803, 0804, 0805, 0806, 0807, 0808, 0809, 0810, 0811, 0813	Fruits and nuts
1501	Pig fat (including lard) and poultry fat, other than that of heading 0209 or 1503
1502	Fats of bovine animals, sheep or goats, other than those of heading 1503
1503 00	Lard stearin, lard oil, oleo stearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared
1601 00	Sausages and similar products from meat, meat byproducts or blood; prepared meat products prepared therefrom
from 1901 90 110 0**, from 1901 90 910 0**, from 2106 90 920 0**, from 2106 90 980 4**, from 2106 90 980 5**, from 2106 90 980 9**	Food or prepared products (except for biologically active additives, specialized food products for nutrition of sportsmen****, vitamin and mineral additives, flavorings, protein concentrates (of animal and plant origin) and their mixes; food fibers, food additives (including complex ones)



EAEU HS Code	Name of goods*, ***, ****
from 1901 90 990 0**	Food or prepared products prepared according to the technologies for cheese production and containing 1.5 % mass fraction or more dairy fat
from 2501 00*****	Salt (including table salt and denatured salt) and pure sodium chloride, whether or not in aqueous solution or containing added anti-caking or free-flowing agents; sea water (except for biologically active additives)

\* For the application of this list it is necessary to follow the EAEU HS code description exclusively, the name of the good is indicated for convenience.

\*\* For the application of this item it is necessary to follow both the EAEU HS code description and the name of the good.

\*\*\* Except for goods designed for baby nutrition.

\*\*\*\* For national teams of the Russian Federation provided that the Ministry of Sports of the Russian Federation confirms the intended use of the imported products.

\*\*\*\*\* Except for products intended for the production of baby food, provided that the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation confirms the intended use of the imported products in accordance with its established procedure and within the volume of permitted imports of the specified products as approved by the Ministry.

\*\*\*\*\* Except for products intended for the production of pharmaceutical products, medicinal goods, and biologically active additives, provided that the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation confirms the intended use of the imported products in accordance with its established procedure. For the application of this item, it is necessary to follow both the EAEU HS code description and the name of the good.

\*\*\*\*\* Except for products intended for the production of pharmaceutical products, provided that the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation confirms the intended use of the imported products in accordance with its established procedure. For the application of this item, it is necessary to follow both the EAEU HS code description and the name of the good.

\*\*\*\*\* Shipments of seeds of varieties that are included in the State register of selection achievements allowed for use, provided an excerpt therefrom is provided, issued by the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation.

\*\*\*\*\* Shipments of seeds intended for scientific research, state testing, and production of seeds for exports from the Russian Federation, provided that the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation confirms the intended use of the imported products in accordance with its established procedure and within the volume of allowed imports of the specified products determined by the Ministry.

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**Attachments:**

No Attachments.