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General Information:

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The documents below are hyperlinked via automated translation services for readers seeking further details. Select "refresh" on your browser if the page does not translate to the end.

As noted herein, Russia notified some of the SPS/TBT measures covered in this report to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

SPS/TBT MEASURES PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Publication Date: February 20, 2018

1. **Phytosanitary Requirements:** Draft decision "On Amending Unified Quarantine Phytosanitary Requirements for Regulated Products and Objects at the Customs Border and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union" – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1811 Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Requirements Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On March 12, 2018, Armenia notified the WTO of the draft document via [G/SPS/N/ARM/26](#) and Russia notified it on March 23, 2018, via [G/SPS/N/RUS/148](#). The draft document proposed numerous amendments to various parts of the stated Requirements, including for soybeans. For details please see GAIN report [RS1811 Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Requirements Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the draft closed on May 22, 2018.

Publication Date: February 26, 2018

2. **Veterinary Requirements:** Draft decisions "On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)" and "On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011" – originals in Russian [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. For English, please see GAIN report [AM1801 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On March 12, 2018, Armenia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of these draft documents via [G/SPS/N/ARM/25](#). In particular, the notified drafts proposed to amend the EAEU veterinary requirements and respective forms of unified certificates for such products as day-old chicks and hatching eggs; fur bearing animals, cats and dogs; poultry; egg products; shell eggs; hides, horn, hoofs, etc.; animal feed of plant origin; zoo and circus animals; non-food raw materials of animal origin for production of feeds for non-producing domestic animals and fur-bearing animals. For details please see GAIN report [AM1801 Draft](#)

[Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the draft closed on April 27, 2018.

Publication Date: April 20, 2018

1. **List of Goods under Veterinary Control:** Draft decision “On Amending the Unified List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1814 Draft Amendments to List of Controlled Goods Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On April 24, 2018, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft amendments to EAEU veterinary controls via [G/SPS/N/RUS/149](#), and Armenia notified the same draft on May 29, 2018, via [G/SPS/N/ARM/27](#). In particular, the notified document proposed to add “cheese-like” products classified under EAEU HS codes 1901909100, 1901909900, 2106909200, 2106909804, 2106909805, and 2106909809 on the Unified List. For details please see GAIN report [RS1814 Draft Amendments to List of Controlled Goods Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the draft closed on July 28, 2018.

Publication Date: June 1, 2018

1. **Unified List of Quarantine Pests:** Draft decision “On Amending Unified List of Quarantine Pests of the Eurasian Economic Union” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1816 Draft Amendments to EAEU Pest List Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft document via [G/SPS/N/RUS/150](#) on June 6, 2018; Kazakhstan – via [G/SPS/N/KAZ/14](#) on June 19, 2018; and Armenia – via [G/SPS/N/ARM/28](#) on July 16, 2018. Russia initiated the change in order to add dwarf bunt of wheat to the Unified EAEU Pest List and meet the requirements of its wheat importers. The public comment period for the draft closed on August 5, 2018.

Publication Date: July 26, 2018

1. **Sanitary Requirements:** Draft decision “On Amending Section 1 of Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision (Control)” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1822 Draft Amendments to Sanitary Requirements Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On July 31, 2018, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft document via [G/SPS/N/RUS/152](#). In particular, the document establishes maximum residue levels for 3 monochloropropanediols (3-MCPD) and glycidyl esters due to their genotoxic and carcinogenic action. The public comment period for the draft closed on September 29, 2018.

INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDA AND AGREEMENTS

Publication Date: May 21, 2018

Interim Agreement Leading to Formation of a Free Trade Area between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, of the One Part, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, of the Other Part
- original in [English](#)

Summary: The Agreement, signed in Astana on May 17, 2018, is pending ratification and will enter into force 60 days after completion of the internal legal procedures by the EAEU Member States and Iran. The Agreement is planned as the first step on the way to a fully-functional Free Trade Area (FTA) between the parties in three years.

The Agreement has the following structure:

- Chapter 1. Institutional and General Provisions
 - Chapter 2. Trade in Goods
 - Chapter 3. Trade Remedies
 - Chapter 4. Technical Barriers to Trade,
 - Chapter 5. Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
 - Chapter 6. Rules of Origin
 - Chapter 7. Trade Facilitation and Customs Administration
 - Chapter 8. Dispute Settlement
 - Chapter 9. Final Provisions
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- Annex 1. Schedules of Tariff Commitments
 - Annex 2. Product Specific Rules
 - Annex 3. Certificate of Origin
 - Annex 4. Rule on Customs Valuation

According to the schedules of tariff commitments, the EAEU will enjoy lower tariffs for its exports to Iran of meat, oil and fat products, certain types of confectionery and chocolate, while Iran will enjoy tariff preferences for an extended list of food products, in the first place, vegetables, fruit, and dried fruit. The EEC stated that as a result, Iran would reduce duties for agricultural goods on average from 32.2 to 13.2 percent, while the EAEU – from 9.6 to 4.6 percent.

Agreement on Economic and Trade Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, of the one Part, and the People's Republic of China, of the other Part - original in [English](#)

Summary: The Agreement, signed in Astana on May 17, 2018, is pending ratification and will enter into force 60 days after completion of the internal legal procedures by the EAEU Member States and China. The Agreement is non-preferential and has the following structure:

- Chapter 1. General Provisions
- Chapter 2. Transparency
- Chapter 3. Trade Remedies
- Chapter 4. Technical Barriers to Trade,
- Chapter 5. Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
- Chapter 6. Customs Cooperation and Trade Facilitation

Chapter 7.	Intellectual Property Rights
Chapter 8.	Competition
Chapter 9.	Government Procurement
Chapter 10.	Sectoral Cooperation
Chapter 11.	Electronic Commerce
Chapter 12.	Institutional Provisions
Chapter 13.	Final Provisions
Annex 1.	Rules of Procedure of the Joint Commission and of Designation of Contact Points

Publication Date: June 6, 2018

Memorandum of understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Republic of Cuba - original in [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#).

Summary: The Memorandum was signed in Havana on May 31, 2018. According to the Memorandum, it is not an international agreement and does not create financial or other obligations for the Parties. The Memorandum is a declaration by the Parties of their intent to develop comprehensive cooperation between the Parties in order increase bilateral trade and investment. The areas of cooperation under the Memorandum, inter alia, include regional economic integration, customs regulation, technical regulation, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and agro-industrial complex.

Publication Date: August 15, 2018

Memorandum of Cooperation in Standardization between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the American Society for Testing and Materials - original in [English](#).

Summary: The Memorandum was signed in Moscow on August 10, 2018. According to the Memorandum, it is not an international agreement and does not create financial or other obligations for the Parties. The Memorandum is a declaration by the Parties of their intent to cooperate in standardization with the aim of providing scientific, methodological and practical assistance for convergence of approaches in standardization, improving competitiveness and product safety.

Publication Date: September 9, 2018

Memorandum of understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Faroe Islands - original in [English](#).

Summary: The Memorandum was signed in Torshavn on August 24, 2018. According to the Memorandum, it is not an international agreement and does not create financial or other obligations for the Parties. The Memorandum is a declaration by the Parties of their intent to develop comprehensive cooperation between the Parties in order increase bilateral trade and investment. The areas of cooperation under the Memorandum, inter alia, include regional economic integration, trade policy, customs regulation, technical regulation, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and agro-industrial complex, and government procurement.

**MEETING OF THE SUPREME EURASIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL
AT THE HEADS OF STATE LEVEL
May 14, 2018**

Publication Date: May 16, 2018

[EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 6](#) *“On the Council on Agro-Industrial Policy of the Eurasian Economic Union”* - original in [Russian](#).

Summary: The decision established the respective Council that will consist of Ministers of Agriculture of the EAEU Member States and EEC Collegium members in charge of industry, agriculture, technical regulation, and SPS measures. The Council shall meet at least once a year; its tasks include development of strategies and directions for agricultural development and agricultural markets of the Union, as well as further integration of the Member States in the sphere of agriculture and implementation of the agreed agro-industrial policy in the EAEU.

[EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 8](#) *“On the Regulation on the Status of Observer in the Eurasian Economic Union”* - original in [Russian](#).

Summary: The document approved the Regulation on the status of observer in the Eurasian Economic Union. Moldova applied for the observer status in the EAEU in mid-2017 and was granted the status at the summit of the EAEU heads of state in May 2018. According to the EAEU Treaty of May 29, 2014, the EAEU observer status means an opportunity to attend EAEU meetings upon invitation and receive documents that are not confidential.

[EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 9](#) *“On Granting the Status of Observer in the Eurasian Economic Union to the Republic of Moldova”* - original in [Russian](#).

Summary: The document granted the status of an EAEU observer to the Republic of Moldova.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
January 26, 2018

Publication Date: March 27, 2018

EEC Council Decision No. 18. *On Amending the List of Goods Which in Accordance with the Commitments of the Republic of Kazakhstan as Part of its Accession to the World Trade Organization shall be Subject to Import Customs Duty Rates that are Lower than the Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the Rates of such Tariffs* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision amends the respective tariff schedule for Kazakhstan. In particular, the following agricultural goods saw tariff reductions for imports to Kazakhstan: pork items (from EAEU HS groups 0203 and 0209), fish and seafood items (from 0301, 0303-0308); whey and egg products (from 0404 and 0408); natural sponges and plant products (from 0511 and 0604); some vegetables and mushrooms (from 0703, 0707, 0709, and 0711); some fruits (from 0804-0805 and 0808); some seeds (from 1204, 1206-1207); some vegetable oil and fat products (from 1513, 1515-1516, and 1522); prepared or preserved fish and seafood items (from 1604-1605); some sugar and sugar confectionery items (from 1701-1702, and 1704); prepared or preserved fruits, vegetables, nuts, mushrooms, and fruit and vegetable juices (from 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007-2009); some other prepared food items (from 2103 and 2106); wines and other alcoholic beverages (from 2204, 2206, and 2208).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
February 16, 2018

Publication Date: May 15, 2018

EEC Council Order No. 11. *On Draft Agreement on the Circulation in the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Union of Products, for which no Requirements have been Established by the Technical Regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union, and on the Rules for Ensuring Safety of Such Products* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The document requests that the EAEU Member States finalize their domestic clearance procedures necessary for the stated agreement to be signed within 180 calendar days from May 15, 2018. The agreement will regulate the circulation of products for which no EAEU Technical Regulation (TR) has been adopted or planned. In particular, feeds and feed additives may be subject to this agreement unless the relevant EAEU TR, which was first drafted in 2011, is adopted by the time the Agreement comes into force.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
March 30, 2018

Publication Date: April 2, 2018

[EEC Council Decision No. 24.](#) *On Amending the Unified Quarantine Phytosanitary Requirements to Controlled Goods and Objects at the Customs Border and on the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The document approved amendments to the Unified EAEU Phytosanitary Requirements that were notified to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/140](#) in April 2017. In particular, the amendments introduced new pests into the Requirements in accordance with the amended Unified EAEU List of Quarantine Pests (see Decision No. 25 below). For translation of the original draft please see GAIN report [RS1722 WTO Notifications on EAEU Phytosanitary Requirements](#).

[EEC Council Decision No. 25.](#) *On Amending the Unified Quarantine List of Quarantine Pests of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The document approved amendments to the Unified EAEU List of Quarantine Pests that were notified to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/140](#) in April 2017. In particular, the amendments expanded the list to include additional quarantine objects (pests) into the Unified List from the National Lists of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Kazakhstan. For translation of the original draft please see GAIN report [RS1721 WTO Notifications on the EAEU Common List of Pests](#).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
April 18, 2018

Publication Date: June 18, 2018

[EEC Council Decision No. 44.](#) *Standard Schemes of Conformity Assessment* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The document approved updated standard schemes of certification, declaration of conformity and state registration, as well as provisions for the application of the existing schemes. While the provisions regarding certification and declaration of conformity remained largely unchanged, the document introduced an important change for certificates of state registration by establishing a five-year validity period for such documents instead of their current unlimited validity term.

At the same time, according to the decision, the current standard schemes approved in 2011 (which should include an unlimited validity for certificates of state registration) will continue to apply for assessment of conformity with the requirements of the existing EAEU technical regulations (TRs) adopted prior to entry into force of this decision until the corresponding amendments are introduced therein. It means that most of ag-related products that are subject to the EAEU TRs will not be affected by the changes until proper amendments are introduced in the following ag-related EAEU TRs:

- [RS1253 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Safety of Packaging](#)
- [RS1233 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Food Safety](#)
- [RS1250 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Safety of Grain](#)
- [RSATO1211 Customs Union Technical Regulations on Food Products Labeling](#)

- [RS1326 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Fat and Oil Products](#)
- [RS1334 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Juice](#)
- [RS1340 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Specialized Foods](#)
- [RS1338 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Food Additives](#)
- [RS1382 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Milk and Dairy Products](#)
- [RS1384 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Meat](#)
- [RS1734 Technical Regulation on Safety of Fish and Fish Products](#)
- [RS1752 EAEU Technical Regulation on Packaged Water.](#)

Additionally, the change may affect alcohol products, feeds and feed additives, and poultry products directly as soon as specific pending draft EAEU TRs are adopted for these three categories of products since, in accordance with the above decision 44, the updated provisions may have to be directly incorporated into the new EAEU TRs.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
June 14, 2018

Publication Date: July 20, 2018

[EEC Council Decision No. 64.](#) *On Amendments to Section II of the Unified List of Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance (Control) at the Customs Border and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision excludes baby food items from fish and fish products that are covered by the relevant [EAEU Technical Regulation](#) (TR) from the unified list of goods that are subject to state registration. State registration for these products is still required under the relevant EAEU TR. The table in Section II of the Unified List is also amended to exclude EAEU HS groups 03, 16, and 21, which are covered by the EAEU TR.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
July 13, 2018

Publication Date: July 16, 2018

[EEC Council Decision No. 49](#) *On Approval of Rules of Origin of Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (Non-Preferential Rules of Origin of Goods) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The Rules approved by the decision are set to replace the “Agreement on Common Rules of Origin” of January 25, 2008, between Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia, as of January 1, 2019. The Rules introduce new terms of ‘simple operation’, ad valorem formula for defining the country of origin, and implement procedures for verification of a certificate of origin. As a draft, the EEC notified the Rules on its website for regulatory impact assessment and public comments in October 2016. For English translation of the notified draft, please see GAIN report [RS1665](#) *[Draft decision on approval of EAEU Rules of Origin.](#)*

As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization.

Publication Date: August 21, 2018

[EEC Council Decision No. 66](#) *On Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Certain Types of Goods in Accordance with the Commitments of the Russian Federation in the Framework of the WTO* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision will change the EAEU import tariff in connection with Russia's WTO tariff commitments. According to this decision, the following agricultural items were affected by the tariff changes as of September 1, 2018: frozen fish under EAEU HS code 0303 89 900 7, surimi (0304 95 100 0) and four items of fruit purees (2007 99 500 3, 2007 99 500 4, 2007 99 500 5, and 2007 99 500 7). However, no actual tariff change for any of the agricultural items listed above took place on September 1, 2018, since Russia's final bound rates for these items had been implemented in previous years, while the actual applied tariff will remain zero through the end of 2018 for the fruit purees and through the end of 2019 for the fish and surimi items.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
March 20, 2018**

Publication Date: March 22, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 40](#) *On the Procedure of Implementation of Amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products" (TR TS 033/2013)* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision clarifies that with regard to the most recent amendments to the EAEU Technical Regulation "On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products" specifying definitions and labeling requirements for milk products with and without the addition of a milk fat substitute, reported in the GAIN report [RS1807 Eurasian Economic Union Ag Times No. 1 of 2018](#), the documents on assessment of conformity of products issued prior to the enactment of the stated amendments, shall be valid until expiration but no longer than 180 calendar days from the enactment of the stated amendments. Similarly, production and release into circulation of products covered by such documents of assessment of conformity shall be allowed within 180 calendar days from the enactment of the stated amendments, while sale of such products shall be allowed within their shelf-life.

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 41](#) *On the Procedure of Registration, Suspension, Renewal, and Cancellation of Declarations of Conformity of Products with the Requirements of Technical Regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved an updated version of the regulation that was originally adopted in 2013. The two key new requirements in the updated regulation are as follows:

- as of July 1, 2018, applicants are required to attach scanned copies of the relevant evidentiary materials as established by the EAEU technical regulations in order to register their declarations; it will be impossible to register a declaration if such scanned copies are not provided;
- as of September 1, 2018, it will only be possible to indicate a protocol of testing or measurement from an accredited Russian laboratory at the time of a declaration registration after an automated check of availability of the relevant data on the protocol in the federal state information system, which should have been entered into the system by the respective laboratory. Additionally, the applicant should be indicated as the customer in the protocol.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
April 10, 2018

Publication Date: April 13, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 51](#) (as amended by **[EEC Collegium Decision No. 124](#)** of July 31, 2018)
On Approval of the Procedure for Pre-Arrival Submission of Information on Goods Planned to be Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by Water Transport - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved the stated Procedure, which mandates pre-arrival submission of information about goods imported into the EAEU customs territory by water no later than six hours prior to goods arrival. Originally, the requirement was due to come into force as of October 1, 2018; however, the decision was amended in late July to postpone the introduction of the requirement until July 1, 2019. Similar requirements for goods entering the EAEU by automobile transport, by rail, and by air have been in force since June 2012, October 2014, and April 2017, respectively.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
April 17, 2018

Publication Date: April 20, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 56](#) (as amended by **[EEC Collegium Decision No. 124](#)** of July 31, 2018)
On Approval of the Procedure for Pre-Arrival Submission of Information on Goods Planned to be Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by Automobile Transport - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved an updated Procedure for pre-arrival submission of information entering the EAEU by automobile transport that has been required since June 2012. Originally, the updated Procedure was due to come into force as of October 1, 2018; however, the decision was amended in late July to postpone its introduction until July 1, 2019.

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 57](#) (as amended by **[EEC Collegium Decision No. 124](#)** of July 31, 2018)
On Approval of the Procedure for Pre-Arrival Submission of Information on Goods Planned to be Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by Rail Transport - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved an updated Procedure for pre-arrival submission of information entering the EAEU by rail that has been required since October 2014. Originally, the updated Procedure was due to come into force as of October 1, 2018; however, the decision was amended in late July to postpone its introduction until July 1, 2019.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
April 24, 2018**

Publication Date: April 27, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 62](#) (as amended by **[EEC Collegium Decision No. 124](#)** of July 31, 2018)
On Approval of the Procedure for Pre-Arrival Submission of Information on Goods Planned to be Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union by Air Transport - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved an updated Procedure for pre-arrival submission of information entering the EAEU by air that has been required since April 2017. Originally, the updated Procedure was due to come into force as of October 1, 2018; however, the decision was amended in late July to postpone its introduction until July 1, 2019.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
May 10, 2018**

Publication Date: May 14, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 72](#) *On the Procedure of Implementation of Amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Products Labeling” (TR TS 022/2011) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision established an 18 months transition period for the most recent amendments to the EAEU TR “On Food Products Labeling” specifying labeling requirements for products obtained with the use of GMO, reported in the GAIN report **[RS1807 Eurasian Economic Union Ag Times No. 1 of 2018](#)**. In particular, during this transition period companies will be allowed to produce and release into circulation products in accordance with the previous requirements of the EAEU TR “On Food Products Labeling,” while sale of such products shall be allowed within their shelf-life.

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 75](#) *On Approval of a List of Goods, for which Submission of a Customs Declaration shall be Accompanied by a Document on Assessment of Conformity with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union “On Safety of Packaged Potable Water Including Natural Mineral Water” (TR EAEU 044/2017) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The document approved a list of water products that are subject to the EAEU TR “**[On Safety of Packaged Potable Water Including Natural Mineral Water](#)**.” Each item on the list is identified by the EAEU HS code. The list should help identify which products require a declaration of conformity with the EAEU TR.

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 76](#) *On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 299 of May 28, 2010 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The document amended the CU Commission Decision No. 299 due to the adoption of the EAEU TR “[On Safety of Packaged Potable Water Including Natural Mineral Water.](#)”

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
June 5, 2018**

Publication Date: June 7, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 94](#) *On Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Certain Types of Goods in Accordance with the Commitments of the Russian Federation in the Framework of the WTO and Amending Some Decisions of the Eurasian Economic Commission - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision changed the EAEU import tariff in connection with Russia’s WTO tariff commitments. According to the decision, the following agricultural items were affected by tariff changes as of September 1, 2018: some sea-food items (from 0306-0307), sultanas (0806 20 300 0), prepared, preserved meat, fish, and crustaceans (from 1602 and 1605); a couple of cocoa products (from 1803 and 1804), mango chutney (2001 90 100 0), a couple of beer items (from 2203), and tall oil fatty acids (3823 13 000 0). However, since Russia’s final bound rates for half of the items on the list had been implemented in previous years, actual tariff changes only took place for the following items from the list:

- the tariff for prepared, preserved meat under EAEU HS code 1602 10 009 0 went down from 20, but not less than 0.5 Euro per kg to 17, but not less than 0.43 Euro per kg;
- the tariff for mango chutney (2001 90 100 0) went down from 10.8, but not less than 0.054 Euro per kg to 10, but not less than 0.05 Euro per kg;
- the tariff for two beer items (from 2203) went down from 0.04 Euro per liter to 0.018 Euro per liter;
- and the tariff for tall oil fatty acids (3823 13 000 0) went down from 7.9 percent to 6.5 percent.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
June 13, 2018**

Publication Date: June 18, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 98](#) *On Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Cashew Nuts in Shell - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision temporarily reduces the import duty on cashew nuts in shell (EAEU HS code 0801 31 000 0) from 5 to zero percent from September 2, 2018, through August 31, 2021.

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 99](#) *On Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Industrial Fatty Alcohols* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision temporarily reduces the import duty on industrial fatty alcohols (EAEU HS code 3823 70 000 0) from 5 to zero percent from September 2, 2018, through August 31, 2021.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
June 19, 2018**

Publication Date: June 21, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 103](#) *On Approval of Procedure for Deferred Customs Valuation* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved an updated procedure replacing the one originally adopted in 2016. The Procedure may be used in cases when foreign trade contracts for goods imported into the EAEU do not establish a fixed price but rather specify that the final price depends on stock exchange prices (quotation, index).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
July 31, 2018**

Publication Date: August 3, 2018

[EEC Collegium Recommendation No. 13](#) *On the Sampling (Taking Specimens) for Examination (Testing) and Measurement of Food Products when Applying and Fulfilling the Requirements of Technical Regulations of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The document approved the recommended rules of food sampling and requirements for storage and transportation of samples. According to the Recommendation, the Common Rules may be used in case a relevant standard for sampling is missing in the list of standards established for a particular TR. As a draft, the Recommendation was published by the EEC for public comments in June 2017. For an unofficial translation of the draft please see GAIN report [RS1742 Draft EAEU Recommended Rules of Food Sampling](#). As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
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[EEC Collegium Decision No. 141](#) *On Establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of Certain Agricultural Goods into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2019, as well as*

Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of these Goods in the Territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision establishes tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) and respective volumes for imports of meat, poultry and whey into the Eurasian Economic Union. Unchanged from 2018, Russia's TRQ volumes appear consistent with its WTO commitments. Belarus and Kazakhstan TRQ volumes also remained unchanged, and as in previous years, Armenia will have no TRQs in 2019. As for Kyrgyzstan, it will increase access for beef while slightly reducing its poultry TRQ in 2019. For unofficial translation of the decision please see GAIN report [RS1824 Eurasian Economic Commission Announces 2019 TRQs](#).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
September 7, 2018

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[EEC Collegium Decision No. 146](#) *On Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Raw Furskins and Tanned or Dressed Furskins* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision temporarily reduces the import duty on a number of raw furskins under the EAEU HS group 4301 from 3 to zero percent from the day of entry into force of this decision through September 30, 2020.