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Notified to WTO

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Report Highlights:

Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Regulation on Veterinary Control at the Border regarding the use of electronic veterinary certificates in EAEU and foreign trade via G/SPS/N/RUS/196. According to the notification, the public comment period for the draft will close on November 20, 2020. Armenia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan have not yet notified the measure to the WTO. 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 November 6, 2020.

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 document on its website:

- [On Amending the Regulation on the Unified Procedure of Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\) at the Customs Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union](#)

The Russian Federation notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the above draft via [G/SPS/N/RUS/195](#) on September 21, 2020. Per Russia's notification, the public comment period for the draft will close on November 20, 2020. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by November 6, 2020.

According to the notification, the draft measure provides for the possibility to use veterinary certificates issued in electronic form for mutual and foreign trade.

An unofficial English translation of the proposed amendments can be found below. The current version of the Regulation on the Unified Procedure of Veterinary Control (Surveillance) at the Customs Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union is available as follows:

- in Russian:

[Regulation on the Unified Procedure of Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\) at the Customs Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union,](#)

- translated into English via automated translation (select "refresh" on your browser if the page does not translate to the end):

[Regulation on the Unified Procedure of Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\) at the Customs Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union,](#)

The other EAEU and WTO members, Armenia, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, which also apply the EAEU veterinary regulations, have not yet notified the measure to the WTO.

¹ For details, please see 2016 GAIN report [RS1611 Eurasian Economic Union One Year On.](#)

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
COUNCIL**

DECISION

_____ 20_____ No. _____ city

On Amending the Regulation on the Unified Procedure of Veterinary Control (Surveillance) at the Customs Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union

In accordance with paragraph 9 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 49 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. To amend the Regulation on the Unified Procedure of Veterinary Control (Surveillance) at the Customs Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, in accordance with the attachment.

2. The present Decision shall come into effect after 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Members of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission:

From the Republic of Armenia	From the Republic of Belarus	From the Republic of Kazakhstan	From the Kyrgyz Republic	From the Russian Federation
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ATTACHMENT
to Decision of the Council
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. _____ dated _____ 20__

AMENDMENTS
to the Regulation on the Unified Procedure of Veterinary Control (Surveillance) at the Customs
Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic
Union

1. Paragraph one of item 3.7. shall read as follows:

“3.7. Controlled goods during import, export, transit, as well as when moving within the Union from the territory of a Party to the territory of another Party during the entire period of transportation must be accompanied by veterinary certificates issued in paper form or in the form of an electronic document. Veterinary certificates are issued by officials of the authorized bodies of the Parties and the competent authorities of the exporting countries.

Veterinary certificates issued in the form of an electronic document, through the information system of the competent authority of a third country or a Party, are submitted to the integrated information system of the Union or the information system of the authorized body of the Party of the importing country.”

4. Item 3.8. shall be supplemented with the following paragraphs:

“Veterinary certificates issued in the form of an electronic document must contain at least the same information as certificates issued in paper form.

Changes to a veterinary certificate issued in the form of an electronic document are not allowed.

If an official of the competent authority of the exporting country makes a technical error when issuing a veterinary certificate in the form of an electronic document or it turns out that the initial information specified in the veterinary certificate issued in the form of an electronic document was incorrect, the competent authority of the exporting country must issue a new veterinary certificate in the form of an electronic document. The issuance of a new veterinary certificate, issued in the form of an electronic document, is allowed if the following information contained therein is changed: name and address of the consignor, name and address of the consignee, transport (No. of carriage, No. of car, aircraft flight, ship name), country (countries) of transit, a point of crossing the customs border of the Union. In the new veterinary certificate, issued in the form of an electronic document, an entry is made that it replaces the previously issued veterinary certificate, issued in the form of an electronic document, where the number and date of the canceled veterinary certificate, issued in the form of an electronic document is entered. The veterinary certificate replaced by a new one must be canceled.”

7. Item 6.3. shall read as follows:

“Each consignment of controlled goods is imported into the customs territory of the Union with the permit specified in paragraph 6.1 of this Regulation, and (or) a veterinary certificate, issued in paper form or in the form of an electronic document by the competent authority of the country – exporter of the controlled goods, unless otherwise established by the Unified Veterinary Requirements.”

9. Item 7.2. of Section VII shall read as follows:

“Veterinary control of controlled goods at entry points is carried out after the submission of a waybill and a veterinary certificate in paper form or a veterinary certificate issued in the form of an electronic document, unless otherwise established by the Unified Veterinary Requirements.”

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Attachments:

No Attachments.