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Report Highlights:

As part of its package of measures to reduce food prices adopted in December 2020, the Russian government issued a number of decrees to restrict exports of some grains and oilseeds in the first half of 2021. This report contains unofficial translation of the respective measures on wheat, rye, barley, corn, sunflower seeds and rapeseeds, that will be in effect between January 9 and June 30, 2021.

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General Information

As part of its package of measures to reduce food prices adopted in December 2020, the Russian government issued the following decrees to restrict exports of wheat, rye, corn, sunflower seeds and rapeseeds in the first half of 2021:

- Decree No. 2065 of December 10, 2020, establishing a prohibitive export tariff of 30 percent but not less than 165 Euros per ton of sunflower seeds and rapeseeds to be in effect from January 9 to June 30, 2021. The decree will come into force as of January 10, 2021. The current export tariff on sunflower seeds and rapeseeds is 6.5 percent but no less than 9.75 Euros per ton and 6.5 percent but no less than 11.4 Euros per ton, respectively.
- <u>Decree No. 2097</u> of December 14, 2020, introducing a tariff-rate quota (TRQ) of 17.5 million tons on grains, including wheat, rye, barley, and corn, to be in effect February 15 to June 30, 2021.
- Decree No. 2096 of December 14, 2020, establishing a zero-tariff rate on exporting rye, barley, and corn within the TRQ above, while the in-quota export tariff on wheat will be 25 Euros per ton and the out-of-quota export tariff of 50 percent but not less than 100 Euros per ton will apply from February 15 to June 30, 2021. There is currently no export tariff on rye and corn, while the export tariff on wheat has been set at zero since September 2016.

An unofficial English translation of Decrees No. 2065 and 2096, as well as partial English translation of Decree No. 2097 above can be found below.

GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

DECREE

No. 2065 of December 10, 2020

MOSCOW

On Amending the Rates of Export Customs Tariffs on Goods Exported from the Russian Federation beyond the States that are Parties to Agreements on the Customs Union

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. To amend the rates of exports customs tariffs on goods exported from the Russian Federation beyond the states that are parties to agreements on the Customs Union, approved by decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 754 of August 30, 2013 "On the Approval of Rates of Export Customs Tariffs on Goods Exported from the Russian Federation beyond the States that are Parties to Agreements on the Customs Union and on Repealing of Some Acts of the Government of the Russian Federation" (Collection of laws of the Russian Federation, 2013, No. 36, art. 4582; No. 47, art. 6109; No. 52, art. 7188; 2014, No. 30, art. 4324; No. 31, art. 4421; 2015, No. 21, art. 3106; No. 23, art. 3317; No. 32, art. 4774; No. 40, art. 5567; 2016, No. 35, art. 5322; No. 40, art. 5747; 2017, No. 35, art. 5355; No. 49, art. 7471; No. 52, art. 8124; 2018, No. 13, art. 1823; No. 23, art. 3303; No. 27, art. 4088; 2019, No. 13, art. 1404; No. 27, art.3586; No. 37, art. 5179), as follows:

a) the item classified under the EAEU HS Code 1205 10 900 0 shall read as follows:

"1205 10 900 0	other	6.5, but not less than 11.4
		Euros per 1,000 kg***";

b) the item classified under the EAEU HS Code 1206 00 990 0 shall read as follows:

"1206 00 990 0	other	6.5, but not less than 9.75
		Euros per 1,000 kg***";

c) to supplement with the following foot-note:

"*** From January 9 through June 30, 2021, the rate of export customs tariff of 30 percent but not less than 165 Euros per 1,000 kg, shall apply to this item."

2. The present decree shall enter into force 30 days after the date of its official publication.

Head of the Government of the Russian Federation M. Mishustin

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GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

DECREE

No. 2096 of December 14, 2020

MOSCOW

On Amending the Rates of Export Customs Tariffs on Goods Exported from the Russian Federation beyond the States that are Parties to Agreements on the Customs Union

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. To amend the rates of exports customs tariffs on goods exported from the Russian Federation beyond the states that are parties to agreements on the Customs Union, approved by decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 754 of August 30, 2013 "On the Approval of Rates of Export Customs Tariffs on Goods Exported from the Russian Federation beyond the States that are Parties to Agreements on the Customs Union and on Repealing of Some Acts of the Government of the Russian Federation" (Collection of laws of the Russian Federation, 2013, No. 36, art. 4582; No. 47, art. 6109; No. 52, art. 7188; 2014, No. 30, art. 4324; No. 31, art. 4421; 2015, No. 21, art. 3106; No. 23, art. 3317; No. 32, art. 4774; No. 40, art. 5567; 2016, No. 35, art. 5322; No. 40, art. 5747; 2017, No. 35, art. 5355; No. 49, art. 7471; No. 52, art. 8124; 2018, No. 13, art. 1823; No. 23, art. 3303; No. 27, art. 4088; 2019, No. 13, art. 1404; No. 27, art.3586; No. 37, art. 5179; Official Internet portal of legal information (www.pravo.gov.ru), 2020, December 10, No. 0001202012100027), as follows:

a) the item classified under the EAEU HS Code 1001 19 000 0 shall read as follows:

"1001 19 000 0	other	0**";

b) after the item classified under the EAEU HS Code 1001 19 000 0 to add the following item:

"from 1001 19 000 0	other, which is subject to the tariff-rate quota, provided a license issued by the competent authority is available	25 Euros per 1,000 kg****";
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c) after the item classified under the EAEU HS Code 1001 99 000 0 to add the following items:

"from 1001 99 000 0	others, which are subject to the tariff-rate quota, provided a license issued by the competent authority is available	25 Euros per 1,000 kg****
1002 90 000 0	other	0**

From 1002 90 000 0	other, which is subject to the tariff-rate quota, provided a license issued by the competent authority is available	0***
1003 90 000 0	other	0**
From 1003 90 000 0	other, which is subject to the tariff-rate quota, provided a license issued by the competent authority is available	0****
1005 90 000 0	other	0**
From 1005 90 000 0	other, which is subject to the tariff-rate quota, provided a license issued by the competent authority is available	0****";

d) second foot-note shall read as follows:

"** From February 15 through June 30, 2021, the rate of export customs tariff of 50 percent but not less than 100 Euros per 1,000 kg, shall apply to this item.";

e) to add the following fourth foot-note:

"**** For this item, the rate of export customs tariff shall apply from Feburary 15 through June 30, 2021.".

2. The present decree shall enter into force as of February 15, 2021.

Head of the Government of the Russian Federation M. Mishustin

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GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

DECREE

No. 2097 of December 14, 2020

MOSCOW

On the Tariff Rate Quota for Exports of Grains from the Territory of the Russian Federation to the States that are not Members of the Eurasian Economic Union

In accordance with item 5 of article 36 of the Law of the Russian Federation "On the Customs Tariff", the Government of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. To establish as of February 15 through June 30, 2021 (inclusively) a tariff rate quota for exports from the territory of the Russian Federation to the states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union, of wheat and meslin (EAEU HS codes 1001 19 000 0 and 1001 99 000 0), rye (EAEU HS code 1002 90 000 0), barley (EAEU HS code 1003 90 000 0) and corn (EAEU HS code 1005 90 000 0), placed under the customs procedure of exports in the total volume of 17.5 million tons (hereinafter – the TRQ and grains, respectively).

2. The TRQ shall not apply to grains exported from the territory of the Russian Federation to the states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union in accordance with the customs procedure of exports for rendering international humanitarian aid to foreign states on the basis of decisions of the Government of the Russian Federation.

3. To approve the attached Rules of distribution among the participants in foreign economic activity of the TRQ on wheat and meslin (EAEU HS codes 1001 19 000 0 and 1001 99 000 0), rye (EAEU HS code 1002 90 000 0), barley (EAEU HS code 1003 90 000 0) and corn (EAEU HS code 1005 90 000 0) exported from the territory of the Russian Federation to the states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union in accordance with the customs procedure of exports.

4. The Federal Customs Service shall provide to the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation by January 15, 2021, information on the volumes of grains, actually exported by each participant in foreign economic activity from the territory of the Russian Federation to the states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union in accordance with the customs procedure of exports from January 1 through 30, 2020 (inclusively).

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

a) distribute by February 9, 2021 (inclusively) among the participants in foreign economic activity of the TRQ volume established by item 1 of the present decree in accordance with the Rules, approved by the present decree;

b) to provide by February 10, 2021 (inclusively) to the Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation information about the TRQ volume distributed among the participants in foreign economic activity in accordance with sub-item "a" of the present item;

c) to post on the official website of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation in the information and telecommunication network "Internet" no later than one working day from the date of the official publication of the present decree, information on acceptance of documents as provided by items 3 and 4 of the Rules, approved by the present decree.

6. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation shall from February 15, 2021 through June 30, 2021 (inclusively) issue to the participants in foreign economic activity of one-time licenses for exports from the territory of the Russian Federation to the states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union, of grains within the TRQ volume distributed in accordance with the Rules, approved by the present decree.

7. The Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation shall in accordance with the established procedure:

notify the Eurasian Economic Commission of the introduction of the tariff regulation measure for exports of grains from the territory of the Russian Federation to the states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union;

submit for consideration of the Eurasian Economic Commission a proposal on the introduction of TRQs for exports of grains from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union.

8. Implementation of the present decree shall be carried out by the respective federal executive power bodies within the limits established by the government of the Russian Federation of the maximum number of employees and budget appropriations of the federal budget, provided by the said federal executive power bodies for the government and management in the sphere of established functions.

Head of the Government of the Russian Federation M. Mishustin

APPROVED by decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 2097 of December 14, 2020

Rules of distribution among the participants in foreign economic activity of the TRQ on wheat and meslin (EAEU HS codes 1001 19 000 0 and 1001 99 000 0), rye (EAEU HS code 1002 90 000 0), barley (EAEU HS code 1003 90 000 0) and corn (EAEU HS code 1005 90 000 0) exported from the territory of the Russian Federation to the states that are not members of the Eurasian Economic Union in accordance with the customs procedure of exports¹

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Attachments:

No Attachments.

¹ The text of the Rules is available here <u>translated into English</u> via automated translation.