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Report Highlights:

The Customs Union (CU) Commission of Russia, Kazakhstan, and Belarus and its successor, the Eurasian Economic Commission, held their 34th and 1st meetings, respectively, on January 25, 2012. Summaries of relevant decisions impacting CU food and agriculture policy are contained in this report.

General Information

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34th Meeting of the Customs Union Commission

Publication Date: February 8, 2012

[Decision 909](#). *On temporary licensing of imports of breeding farm animals and their breeding products in the Republic of Belarus*

Summary: Belarus has introduced temporary import licensing of breeding animals and some of their products from December 1, 2011, until June 1, 2012; Russia and Kazakhstan are asked to consider introducing the same measure.

Publication Date: February 9, 2012

[Decision 913](#). *On seasonal customs duties on certain types of sugar*

Summary: Customs Union introduces a seasonal import duty on raw sugar at \$140 per metric ton (MT) from May 1 to July 31, 2012.

Background: Currently, the Customs Union applies two scales of customs duties on raw sugar. From May to July, the minimum duty is \$50/MT. From August to April, in anticipation of the harvest of sugar beet, a different scale of duties comes into effect in the Customs Union, enhancing the protective mechanism of the sugar market, with duties on imports of raw sugar ranging from \$140/MT to \$270/MT.

1st Meeting of the Eurasian Economic Commission Board

Publication Date: January 31, 2012

[Decision 7](#). *On the turnover of alcohol products on the customs territory of the Customs Union*

Summary: The Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission shall set up a working group for drafting a separate international treaty in order to address existing barriers for alcohol trade in the CU.