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## General Information

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The documents below are hyperlinked via “Google Translate,” for readers seeking further details. Select “refresh” on your browser if the page does not translate to the end. Please note that the CU is often delayed when publishing attachments to decisions. If there is an attachment in a decision that is not yet linked, please check back again.

As of the date of publication of this report, only a few of the measures below have been notified to the World Trade Organization, as specified in the Post comment to such measures.

## SPS MEASURES PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

***Publication Date: February 1, 2013***

1. **Veterinary Requirements:** Draft Amendments to CU Commission Decision No. 317 of June 18, 2010, “Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1307 Customs Union Publishes SPS Measures for Public Comment](#).

**Comment:** The purpose of these amendments is to ensure that raw materials of animal origin, used as ingredients by the eligible exporting establishments of third countries, also originate from the exporting establishments, which have the right to supply products to the Customs Union territory. This requirement applies to products, which contain components of animal origin. On March 6, 2013, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the above-referenced draft amendments in its WTO notification: G/SPS/N/RUS/15. The public comment period ends on April 1, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with USDA’s enquiry point ([IRSD@fas.usda.gov](mailto:IRSD@fas.usda.gov)).

2. **Regulation on Joint Inspections:** Draft Amendments to the “Regulation on Common System of Joint Inspections of Facilities and Sampling of Goods (Products), Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1307 Customs Union Publishes SPS Measures for Public Comment](#).

**Comment:** The document amends Chapters II, IV, X and XI of the said Regulation. These amendments were designed to unify approaches while conducting monitoring analyses of the goods (products). This document also specifies the terms of listing establishments into the Register of establishments of third countries. On February 27, 2013, Russia notified the WTO of the above-referenced draft amendments in its WTO notification: G/SPS/N/RUS/14. The public comment period ends on April 1, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with USDA’s enquiry point ([IRSD@fas.usda.gov](mailto:IRSD@fas.usda.gov)).

**Publication Date: February 18, 2013**

3. **Forms of Unified Veterinary Certificates:** Draft Amendments to CU Commission Decision No. 607 of April 7, 2011 “On the Forms of Uniform Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported to the Customs Territory of the Customs Union from Third Countries” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1310 Updated Customs Union Veterinary Certificates Notified to WTO](#).

**Comment:** The document would update 18 forms of the uniform veterinary certificates, reflecting recent efforts of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC, the successor of the Customs Union Commission) to bring the CU’s uniform veterinary certificates in compliance with OIE requirements. On February 25, 2013, Russia notified the WTO of the above-referenced draft amendments in its WTO notification: G/SPS/N/RUS/12. The public comment period ends on April 26, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with USDA’s enquiry point ([IRSD@fas.usda.gov](mailto:IRSD@fas.usda.gov)).

**Publication Date: March 4, 2013**

4. **Veterinary Requirements:** Another set of draft Amendments to CU Commission Decision No. 317 of June 18, 2010, “Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1313 Customs Union SPS Measure on Finished Meat Products Notified to WTO](#).

**Comment:** The amendments would divide current CU veterinary requirements for finished meat products into two chapters: (1) products produced without heat treatment or heat treated below 70°C; and (2) products produced without heat treatment above 70°C. On March 8, 2013, Russia notified the WTO of the above-referenced draft amendments in its WTO notification: G/SPS/N/RUS/17. The public comment period ends on May 7, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with USDA’s enquiry point ([IRSD@fas.usda.gov](mailto:IRSD@fas.usda.gov)).

#### **RECOMMENDATION No. 4 OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM of March 12, 2013**

**Publication Date: March 13, 2013**

**[EEC Collegium Recommendation No. 4.](#)** *On the Explanatory Notes to the Unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Customs Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The EEC Collegium recommends that the CU member-states use the relevant Explanatory Notes attached to this recommendation.

**MEETING OF THE SUPREME EURASIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL AT THE HEADS OF  
STATE LEVEL  
March 19, 2012**

**Publication Date: December 20, 2012**

**EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 25.** *On Amendments to the List of Sensitive Goods, which Require a Consensus Decision by the Customs Union Commission for Changing their Import Duty Rate* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision brought the above-mentioned list in accordance with the current CU Customs Tariff, but also extended the list by adding a number of new items, e.g. apples Golden Delicious or Granny Smith (CU HS code 0808 10 800 5), sunflower-seed oil (CU HS code 1512 19 900 2), and safflower oil (CU HS code 1512 19 900 3.) Additionally, the decision transferred the authority for changing import duty rates on sensitive goods to the EEC Council. Previously, the Customs Union Commission was authorized to take decisions on such changes by consensus only.

**EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 27.** *On the Start of Negotiations with the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on a Free Trade Agreement* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision authorizes the EEC Collegium to conduct the relevant negotiations together with the Parties based on directives approved by decisions of the EEC Council.

### **13<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL December 17, 2012**

**Publication Date: December 18, 2012**

**EEC Council Decision No. 113.** *On the Issue of Free Movement of Goods in the Unified Customs Territory of the Customs Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision instructs the EEC Collegium to draft proposals addressing the following issues: (1) uniform requirements for access to public (municipal) procurement, (2) national treatment for such access, (3) development of uniform rules of circulation of certain types of goods (e.g. tobacco, alcohol, medicines, etc.), (4) establishment of sanctions for restrictions of free movement of goods in mutual trade, (5) marking of CU goods for their placement in foreign markets, and (6) development of a system for confirmation of origin of CU goods in trade with third countries, including for its use as part of preferential agreements with third countries and (or) after all CU members become WTO members.

**EEC Council Decision No. 114.** *On Amendments to the Regulation on the Procedure of Carrying out State Sanitary and Epidemiological Surveillance (Control) over Persons and Vehicles Crossing the Customs Border of the Customs Union, and over Controlled Goods that are Moved across the Customs Border of the Customs Union and on the Customs Territory of the Customs Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision adds a clause to items 17 and 30 of the stated Regulation regarding the liability of the shipper or another person authorized in respect of the shipment that samples of goods imported for the purpose of state registration will be only used to this purpose and not for

sale on the territory of the Customs Union until certificate of state registration is received. In the draft form, the amendments were published for public comments in April 2012. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

**EEC Council Decision No. 116.** *On Amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011) - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The document amends “Sanitary and Hygienic Safety Indicators and Standards for Substances Migrating from Packaging (Closures) that Come into Contact with Food Products” in Annex No. 1 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging,” and supplements it with a new Annex 5 “List of packaging and closures, which are subject to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011).” As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

**EEC Council Decision No. 119.** *On Adjusting the Economies of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space Member-States to the terms of the World Trade Organization - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision instructs the Parties to submit proposals to the EEC and further cooperate with the EEC on drafting an action plan for adjustment of the Parties’ economies to the WTO terms, in particular, in view of the Kazakh WTO accession tariff commitments.

**EEC Council Decision No. 120.** *On Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision approves a draft decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council on amendments to the EEC Rules of Procedure defining the scope and procedure of the EEC involvement in the trade negotiations of the CU Parties with third countries and their associations.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL February 27, 2013**

***Publication Date: February 28, 2013***

**EEC Council Decision No. 13.** *On the directions of development of integration processes - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision instructs the Parties to submit proposals on the issue to the EEC by March 12, 2013, and the EEC Collegium – to draft an action plan for developing a draft Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union for the next meeting of the EEC Council.

***Publication Date: March 14, 2013***

**EEC Council Decision No. 10.** *On Establishing Import Tariff Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Customs Union for Butter, Dairy Spreads, Other Fats and Butters Produced from Milk, as well as for Curds and Certain Types of Cheeses* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision will temporarily raise the CU import tariff on some dairy products on average from the current 15% to 18.3% for 90 days – from April 1, 2013, through June 30, 2013. The following CU HS codes are affected by this decision: 0405 10 110 0, 0405 10 190 0, 0405 10 300 0, 0405 10 500 0, 0405 10 900 0, 0405 20 100 0, 0405 20 300 0, 0405 20 900 0, 0405 90 100 0, 0405 90 900 0, 0406 10 200 2, 0406 10 200 3, 0406 10 200 9, 0406 10 800 0.

**26<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**October 2, 2012**

***Publication Date: December 10, 2012***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 258.** *On the Procedure for Implementation of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union «Requirements for Safety of Food Additives, Flavorings, and Technological Aids» (TR TS 029/2012)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision contains a number of transitional provisions in effect through February 15, 2015, and approves the relevant list of standards for this Technical Regulation. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

**31<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**November 13, 2012**

***Publication Date: December 11, 2012***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 226.** *On the Repeal of Some Decisions of the Customs Union Commission Regarding Declarations of Conformity of Products with the Mandatory Requirements in the Framework of the Customs Union, Executed According to a Uniform Form* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** According to the decision, goods that are subject to mandatory assessment (confirmation) of conformity in the CU can be accompanied by either a certificate of compliance or a declaration of conformity per applicant's choice. Previously, it was possible to accompany such goods with both a certificate and a declaration. The decision also extended the "either a certificate or a declaration" rule to imported goods, which previously could only be accompanied by a certificate of conformity. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

**34<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**December 4, 2012**

***Publication Date: December 25, 2012***



**EEC Collegium Decision No. 262.** *On Amendments to Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision clarifies in all 40 CU Uniform forms of veterinary certificates that they are for goods exported to the customs territory of the Customs Union of the Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Russian Federation. Additionally, the decision introduces substantial amendments to the following CU vet cert forms to bring them into compliance with the amendments to the respective chapters of the CU Unified veterinary requirements:

- No. 3 Bovine embryos,
- No. 8 Boar semen,
- No. 10 Breeding productive & sport horses,
- No. 11 Temporary admission sport horses,
- No. 12 Semen of breeding stallions,
- No. 13 Slaughter horses, and
- No. 17 Live fish crustaceans mollusks.

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

### **36<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM** **December 12, 2012**

***Publication Date: December 14, 2012***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 273.** *On the Application of Customs Valuation Method of Computed Value (Method 5)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves the rules for application of the respective customs valuation method, claiming that they were developed on the basis of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 274.** *On Amendments to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The document approves some of the amendments to the Unified veterinary requirements approved by the CU Commission's Decision No. 317 of June 18, 2010 that were published for public comment on May 21, 2012. In particular, the attestations for BSE and scrapie in Chapters 4 and 5 are amended to include reference to the OIE Code requirements, while in Chapter 28 enzootic leucosis is excluded for big ruminant Artiodactyla and BSE is excluded for big ruminant Artiodactyla. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

### **37<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM** **December 20, 2012**

***Publication Date: December 20, 2012***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 279.** *On the Program for Development (Amendments, Revision) of Interstate Standards, Voluntary Application of which Ensures Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011), as well as Interstate Standards Containing the Rules and Methods of Examination (Testing) and Measurement, Including the Rules for Selection of Samples Required for Application and Meeting of the Requirements of the Technical Regulation “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011) and Carrying out of Assessment (Confirmation) of Products’ Conformity* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves the respective program, which contains a total 112 standards to be developed/revised by 2016.

**Publication Date:** December 26, 2012

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 283.** *On the Application of Customs Valuation Method of the Transaction Value of the Imported Goods (Method 1)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves the rules for application of the respective customs valuation method, claiming that they were developed on the basis of the WTO Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994.

**38<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM  
December 25, 2012**

**Publication Date:** December 27, 2012

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 285.** *On the need for member-states of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space to implement the Agreement on the unified rules of state support for agriculture of December 9, 2010* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision reminds Russia and Kazakhstan of the need to properly notify their domestic support programs to other Parties and also reminds Belarus of the need provide a list of 15 mediators in dispute resolution.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 293.** *On the Unified Forms of Certificate of Conformity and Declaration of Conformity with Technical Regulations of the Customs Union and the Rules of their Execution* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision replaces the CU Commission Decision No. 896 of December 9, 2011, and updates the Unified Forms of (1) the CU Declaration of Conformity with Technical Regulations of the Customs Union and (2) the Certificate of Conformity with Technical Regulations of the Customs Union. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.



**EEC Collegium Decision No. 294.** *On the Regulation on the Procedure of Entry in the Customs Territory of the Customs Union of Products (Goods), which are Subject to Mandatory Requirements of the Customs Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision updates the relevant Regulation, which was originally adopted by the CU Commission Decision No. 319 of June 18, 2010. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 297.** *On Action Plans for Implementation of Technical Regulations of the Customs Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves action plans for the implementation of the 6 current Technical Regulations of the Customs Union, including the one “On Safety of Certain Types of Specialized Food Products, Including Dietary Therapeutic and Dietary Prophylactic Nutrition.” These Action Plans list pending measures, such as amendments to existing CU requirements (e.g. sanitary requirements approved by Decision 299) and national legal acts to bring them in compliance with the Technical Regulations of the Customs Union, including deadlines for each measure.

***Publication Date: December 29, 2012***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 305.** *On Action Plan for Implementation of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Safety”* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves the relevant action plan, which lists pending measures, such as amendments to existing CU requirements (e.g. sanitary requirements approved by Decision 299) and national legal acts to bring them in compliance with the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union, including deadlines for each measure.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 306.** *On the Regulation on the Formation of Lists of International and Regional (Interstate) Standards, and in case of their Absence, of the National (State) Standards, Ensuring Compliance with the Requirements of the Customs Union Technical Regulations and Necessary for the Assessment (Confirmation) of Compliance* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision updates the relevant Regulation, which was originally adopted by the CU Commission Decision No. 629 of April 7, 2011.

***Publication Date: January 18, 2013***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 307.** *On Amendments to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The document approves yet another set of amendments to the Unified veterinary requirements approved by the CU Commission’s Decision No. 317 of June 18, 2010. Many of these amendments (but not all) were published for public comment on May 21, 2012. In

particular, the amendments affect the following chapters of the CU Uniform Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance):

Chapter 4: “VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of cattle for slaughter, sheep, and goats in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 5: “VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of breeding and productive sheep and goats in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 6: “VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of semen of stud rams and goats on the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 7: “VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of breeding and productive pigs in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 9: “VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of pigs for slaughter in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 14: “VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS for imports to the customs territory of the customs union and (or) transportation between the Sides of one-day chicks, poults, ducklings, goslings, ostrich chicks and hatching eggs of these species”

Chapter 15: “VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of fur bearing animals, rabbits, dogs and cats in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 18: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of honey bees, bumblebees and alfalfa leaf cutter bees in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 19: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of reindeer in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 20: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of camels and other representatives of camel family (lamas, alpaca, vicunas) in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Chapter 23: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for poultry meat, imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 24: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for horse meat imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 25: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for canned food, sausages and other types of prepared meat products imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 26: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for rabbit meat imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 28: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for meat of wild animals imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 29: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for products of fish, crustaceans, shellfish, other fishery objects and products of their processing, imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 32: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for egg imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 33: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for hides, horn and hoof, intestinal, furs, sheep pelt, lambskin, wool and goat fluff, bristle, horse hair, down and feather of chicken, duck, goose and other poultry, imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 34: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for fishmeal, meal from marine mammals, crustaceans and invertebrates imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and/or transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 35: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for feed and feed additives of animal origin, including ones originated from birds and fish, imported in the customs territory of the Customs Union and (or) transferred between the Parties”

Chapter 38: “VETERINARY-SANITARY REQUIREMENTS for the import of trophies derived from game in the customs territory of the Customs union and/or transfer between the Parties”

Additionally, the document supplements the Requirements with the form of a veterinary passport for animals and the regulation on how to fill it out. On February 22, 2013, Russia notified the WTO of this measure in its WTO notification: G/SPS/N/RUS/10.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 308.** *On Amendments to Decision of the Custom Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011 - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The document updates 23 forms of the uniform veterinary certificates, reflecting EEC efforts to bring the CU's uniform veterinary certificates in compliance with OIE requirements. On February 22, 2013, Russia notified the WTO of this measure in its WTO notification: G/SPS/N/RUS/10.

The 23 uniform veterinary certificates affected by the document are:

- Form No. 4 CU veterinary certificate for Slaughter cattle sheep and goats
- Form No. 5 CU veterinary certificate for Breeding and productive sheep and goats
- Form No. 6 CU veterinary certificate for Semen of stud rams and goats
- Form No. 7 CU veterinary certificate for Breeding and productive pigs
- Form No. 9 CU veterinary certificate for Slaughter pigs
- Form No. 14 CU veterinary certificate for Day-old chicks and hatching eggs
- Form No. 15 CU veterinary certificate for Fur animals
- Form No. 18 CU veterinary certificate for Honey bees etc
- Form No. 19 CU veterinary certificate for Reindeer
- Form No. 20 CU veterinary certificate for Camels
- Form No. 24 CU veterinary certificate for poultry
- Form No. 25 CU veterinary certificate for horse meat
- Form No. 26 CU veterinary certificate for canned food and prepared meat
- Form No. 27 CU veterinary certificate for rabbit meat
- Form No. 29 CU veterinary certificate for meat of wild animals
- Form No. 30 CU veterinary certificate for honey and bee products
- Form No. 31 CU veterinary certificate for egg processing products
- Form No. 32 CU veterinary certificate for hides, horn and hoof, wool, etc.
- Form No. 33 CU veterinary certificate for fishmeal
- Form No. 35 CU veterinary certificate for feed and additives of animal origin
- Form No. 37 CU veterinary certificate for Game trophies
- Form No. 38 CU veterinary certificate for fish and seafood
- Form No. 40 CU veterinary certificate for shell eggs

**1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM  
January 15, 2013**

***Publication Date: January 17, 2013***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 2.** *On the Monitoring of Restrictive Measures Applied by Third Countries against Goods of the Customs Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision instructs the EEC Department of Trade Policy to monitor restrictions applied by third countries against CU goods and issue quarterly reports to be published on the EEC website.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 3.** *On Action Plan for Implementation of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “Safety Requirements for Food Additives, Flavorings, and Technological Aids” (TR TS 029/2012)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves the relevant action plan, which lists pending measures, such as amendments to existing CU requirements (e.g. sanitary requirements approved by Decision

299) and national legal acts to bring them in compliance with the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union, including deadlines for each measure.

**Publication Date: January 18, 2013**

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 6.** *On Amendments to Section 1 of Chapter II of the Uniform Sanitary-Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary-Epidemiological Surveillance (Control)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision amends the Uniform *Sanitary-Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary-Epidemiological Surveillance (Control)*, approved by CU Commission Decision No. 299. In particular, Section 1 of the Requirements is supplemented by a new sub-section 19 "Timeframe for introduction of main products and supplemental feeding of commercial manufacture into infant diet," which specifies minimum baby age to start consumption of different types of food with detailed specification of all items. In the draft form, the amendments were published for public comments in April 2012. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

**4<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**February 5, 2013**

**Publication Date: February 5, 2013**

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 13.** *On Establishing Import Tariff Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Customs Union for Butter, Dairy Spreads, Other Fats and Butters Produced from Milk, as well as for Curds and Certain Types of Cheeses* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves the relevant draft decision of the EEC Council (see [EEC Council Decision No. 10](#) above) and also increases CU import tariff on four types of cheese (CU HS codes 0406 20 100 0, 0406 20 900 0, 0406 90 320 9, 0406 90 990 9) from 15% to 20-25%.

**5<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**February 19, 2013**

**Publication Date: February 20, 2013**

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 17.** *On the Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves a draft Memorandum on Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and authorizes EEC Trade Minister Andrey Slepnev to negotiate the stated Memo with UNCTAD. According to the Memorandum, it is not an international treaty and does not entail any legal obligations for the Parties. The Memorandum is a declaration by the Parties of their intent to cooperate through information exchange on the issues within their competencies,

including macroeconomic and competition policies, trade, customs regulation, agriculture, and statistics.

**6<sup>th</sup> MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**March 5, 2013**

***Publication Date: March 7, 2013***

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 31.** *On Ensuring Transparency in the Process of Adoption of Eurasian Economic Commission's Acts in the Sphere of Sanitary, Phytosanitary and Veterinary Measures* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** In addition to the already implemented procedure of notifying draft EEC SPS measures on the EEC website, the decision instructs the EEC SPS Department to not only collect public comments on such drafts during 60 days, but also publish a list of all the received proposals indicating whether they were accepted or rejected within ten work days after the end of the relevant comment period.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 33.** *On Amendments to Section 1.5 of the Unified List of Goods, which are Subject to Bans or Restrictions for Import or Export by Member-States of the Customs Union within the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Community in Trade with Third Countries* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision excludes a number of timber products (CU HS codes 4407 91, 4408 10, 4408 90, 4409, 4418 40 000 0, from 4418 60 000 0 and 4418 90 800 0) from Section 1.5 of the respective List "Wood, Recovered Paper, Cardboard, and Waste Paper, Banned for Export from the Customs Territory of the Customs Union."

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**EEC Collegium Decision No. 35.** *On Amendments to the List of Goods, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas in 2013, and the Volume of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Imports of these Goods into the Member States of the Customs Union and Single Economic Space* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision increases the Kazakh 2013 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) for poultry by 10 thousand tons to the total 110 thousand tons and specifies that out of the total 15.4 thousand tons of Kazakh 2013 TRQ for beef, 15.38 thousand tons is for frozen beef and 0.02 thousand tons – for chilled beef.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 38.** *On Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission "On the Work on a Draft Treaty of the Eurasian Economic Union"* - original in [Russian](#)



**Summary:** The decision approves the relevant draft decision of the EEC Council, which would approve a schedule of activities on drafting the state Treaty. According to the schedule, the Parties should sign and enact the Treaty by the end of 2014.

**EEC Collegium Decision No. 39.** *On the Application of Explanatory Notes to the Unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Customs Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision revises Volumes I – V of the above Explanatory Notes in accordance with the 2012 edition of “Explanatory Notes to the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System” of the World Customs Organization.