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General Information:

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Currently, the execution and issuance of Russia's domestic veterinary certificates is regulated by MinAg order No. 422 of November 16, 2006, which will be replaced by the above draft order when adopted. See <http://www.mcx.ru/documents/document/show/19389.298.htm> and <http://base.garant.ru/12150762/>

An unofficial translation of the relevant part of the draft MinAg order – the Rules for the Execution and Issuance of Veterinary Certificates, follows. The text of the draft order itself approves the Rules and invalidates MinAg order No. 422 of November 16, 2006. The Rules also have the following two attachments: (1) Attachment No. 1, which contains the form of veterinary certificates for veterinary goods exported from the Russian Federation; and (2) Attachment No. 2 “List of bodies and organizations authorized to execute and issue veterinary certificates.”

RULES FOR THE EXECUTION AND ISSUANCE OF VETERINARY CERTIFICATES

1. These Rules establish a procedure of veterinary certificate execution and issuance by the authorized veterinary bodies and organizations within the territory of the Russian Federation (RF).
2. Unified forms of veterinary certificates and a unified list of goods subject to veterinary control (surveillance) (hereinafter – the “controlled goods”) approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, as well as a procedure of veterinary certificate issuance envisaged in this Decision shall be applied for the movement (transportation) of the controlled goods within the territory of the Russian Federation.
3. Veterinary certificates for export (in accordance with forms included in Annex No. 1 to these Rules) shall be executed for the movement (transportation) of the controlled goods outside the customs territory of the EurAsEC Customs Union. In case when special veterinary requirements of the importing countries are applied, the veterinary certificates shall be executed in accordance with these requirements.
4. Veterinary certificates shall be executed and issued for each lot of controlled goods which means a certain quantity of uniform goods designated for the movement (transportation) to the address of a single consignee supported by one set of accompanying documents.
5. Veterinary certificates shall be issued on a free-of-charge basis.
6. Veterinary certificates shall be issued on letterheads maintained in the Unified Automated Information System. Veterinary certificate letterheads are protected printed products of level “A”; they are manufactured in compliance with templates approved by the federal body of the executive power responsible for the development of government policy as well as legal and regulatory framework in the veterinary area.
7. Veterinary certificates shall be filled out by hand or with the use of technical tools in electronic format.
8. Veterinary certificates shall be issued no later than within 5 hours from the moment of establishing that the controlled goods comply with the veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) requirements of the Customs Union; and for the controlled goods to be exported – from the moment of establishing their compliance with the veterinary (veterinary and sanitary) requirements of the importing country (upon request of the importing country).
9. The period of validity of veterinary certificate issued for the controlled goods shall be established from the moment of its issuance and through the completion of their transportation, sales, or storage.
10. The controlled goods without a veterinary certificate or accompanied by a veterinary certificate which has been held invalid shall not be subject to acceptance for processing or sales but shall be accepted for a separated storage prior to submitting veterinary certificates and providing the relevant information to the body or organization included in the system of the State Veterinary Service of the Russian Federation at the point of loading of the controlled goods. In case of failure of submitting veterinary documents within a five-day period, a decision on the use of the controlled goods shall be made pursuant to the RF legislation requirements.

11. Filled out counterfoils of the veterinary certificates and electronic data in the database shall be archived for 3 years at the bodies and organizations which had executed and issued the veterinary certificates.
12. Veterinary certificates shall be executed and issued by the authorized bodies and organizations in accordance with the list given in Annex No. 2 to these Rules.