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Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements

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Report Highlights:

On November 6, 2018, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), published draft amendments to the Unified EAEU Veterinary Requirements on its website for public comments. According to the proposed amendment, a veterinary certificate, an import permit, and inclusion in the list of approved establishments would be required to import lysine into the EAEU. The EAEU public comment period for the draft will close on January 5, 2019. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization.

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia <u>Eurasian Economic Union</u> (EAEU), published the following draft document on its website:

- On Amending Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)

According to the proposed amendment, a veterinary certificate, an import permit, and inclusion in the list of approved establishments would be required to import lysine into the EAEU. According to the background information provided by the EEC in connection with the proposed amendment, there are veterinary risks related to lysine due to chemical, genetic engineering, and microbiological factors. In particular, the EEC refers to the EU's Rapid Alert System for Food and Feed (RASFF) as providing evidence of unregistered lines of genetically engineered organisms producing lysine, as well as antimicrobials, and pathogens such as *Salmonella spp.*, detected in the final product.

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Please find below an unofficial English translation of the proposed measure.

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM

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On Amending Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 58 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and paragraph 22 of Annex No. 2 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 Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission has resolved:

- 1. To amend Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance), 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.

Chairman of the Collegium
Of the Eurasian Economic Commission

T. Sargsyan

ATTACHMENT to Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission No.____ dated ______20__

AMENDMENTS

to Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)

To amend Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance,) approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, as follows:

- a) to delete section "I. Measures, Applicable Prior to Accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organization;"
 - b) after item 89 the following item shall be added:

| "89 ¹ | from 2922 | Lysine and its esters; salts | Veterinary | yes | yes" |
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| | 41 | thereof | certificate | | |

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