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SPS/TBT MEASURES PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Publication Date: February 2, 2016

1. **Technical Regulations:** Draft Amendments No. 1 to the EAEU Technical Regulation "On Food Products Labeling" – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1604 Draft Amendments to EAEU Food Labeling Regulation](#).

Summary: On March 2, 2016, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of this draft document via [G/TBT/N/RUS/47](#). In particular, the draft specifies the criteria for legibility, adequacy and clarity of food labeling. The public comment period for the draft closed on April 26, 2016.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL February 12, 2016

Publication Date: March 18, 2016

EEC Council Decision No. 8. *On Amendments to the Customs Union Commission Decision No. 318 of June 18, 2010* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The amendments change the words "Customs Union" to the "Eurasian Economic Union" through the text, and correct some definitions, including the definition of the phytosanitary certificate. For details please see GAIN report [RS1618 Amendments to the Customs Union Decision on Plant Quarantine](#).

Publication Date: April 4, 2016

EEC Council Decision No. 15. *On the List of Agricultural and Food Products Produced in the Eurasian Economic Union Member States, for which the Eurasian Economic Commission should Carry out Price Monitoring and Analysis of Competitiveness* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The document defines the list of agricultural and food products for the purposes of price monitoring and competition analysis by the EEC within the framework of the agreed agro-industrial policy in the EAEU. The list includes various product groups such as grain, pulses, vegetables, fruits, livestock, poultry, meat and meat products, milk and dairy etc. The EEC Collegium shall draft and approve a methodology for the price monitoring and competition analysis.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
January 26, 2016

Publication Date: January 29, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 11 *On the Procedure for Implementation of the Technical Regulations of the Customs Union in the Kyrgyz Republic* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision establishes transition periods for implementation of the CU Technical Regulations in Kyrgyzstan. In particular, as far as CU Technical Regulations (TRs) related to food products are concerned, the shortest transition period, until February 12, 2018, was set for the TR on Safety of Grain, at which point the labeling of the covered products destined to the Kyrgyz market will have to include a “Eurasian Conformity” mark. A similar change for all other food products, covered by the other CU TRs, will come into effect on August 12, 2019. For additional information on the CU Technical Regulations related to food products please see [RS1343 Customs Union Food Technical Regulations in Force as of 1 July 2013](#), [RS1382 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Milk and Dairy Products](#), and [RS1384 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Meat](#). For details about the “Eurasian Conformity” mark please see [RS1506 Eurasian Conformity Mark for Food Products](#).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
February 2, 2016

Publication Date: January 29, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 14 *On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)”* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The document introduces a couple of minor amendments to the current EAEU veterinary requirements regarding the import of animals for personal use and import of feeds and feed additives, and also adds a new chapter 43 with veterinary requirements for swine embryos imported into the Eurasian Economic Union. As a draft, these amendments were notified to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/100](#) in August 2015. For details please see GAIN report [RS1550 Draft EAEU Requirements for Imported Swine Embryos Notified to WTO](#).

EEC Collegium Decision No. 15 *On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision introduces the new EAEU Form No. 44 of a veterinary certificate for swine embryos imported into the Eurasian Economic Union. As a draft, the document was notified to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/101](#) in August 2015. For details please see GAIN report [RS1550 Draft EAEU Requirements for Imported Swine Embryos Notified to WTO](#).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
February 24, 2016

Publication Date: February 25, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 19 *On the Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect of Certain Types of Cocoa Products* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision reduces the import tariff on two cocoa product items (EAEU HS codes 1803 10 000 0 and 1804 00 000 0) from 3 and 5 per cent, respectively, to zero for the period between March 26, 2016, and December 31, 2017.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
March 1, 2016

Publication Date: March 3, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 20 *On the Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect of Some Kinds of Timber from Some Tropical Wood Species* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision extends the reduction of the import duty on timber under EAEU HS code 4408 39 850 9, to zero until May 31, 2019. Initially, the import tariff on this item was reduced from 8.3 to zero per cent for the period from June 13, 2014, through May 31, 2016.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
March 15, 2016

Publication Date: March 17, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 22 *On Amending Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 68 of April 9, 2013* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision amends the program for development of standards related to the implementation of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “Technical Regulation for Juice Products from Fruits and Vegetables” (TR TS 023/2011). In particular, 24 additional standards (to be developed by the Russian Federation) were added to the program that initially consisted of 32 standards.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM

March 22, 2016

Publication Date: March 23, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 25 *On the Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect of Certain Types of Agricultural Products* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision temporarily reduced the import tariff on several agricultural items. In particular, the import tariff on cauliflowers and headed broccoli (EAEU HS code 0704 10 000 0) was reduced from 11 to 5 per cent until May 31, 2017; the tariff on Brussels sprouts (0704 20 000 0) - from 13 to 5 per cent until May 31, 2019; and the tariff on pistachios (0802 51 000 0 and 0802 52 000 0), dates (0804 10 000 0), and dried grapes (0806 20 100 0, 0806 20 300 0, and 0806 20 900 0) – from 5 to zero per cent until May 31, 2019. The new reduced tariffs came into effect as of April 22, 2016.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
March 29, 2016

Publication Date: March 31, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 26 *On Establishing Rates of import Customs Duties of Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Certain Types of Goods in Accordance with the Commitments of the Russian Federation in the Framework of the WTO and Amending Several Decisions of the Eurasian Economic Commission* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision implements the next round of the EAEU import tariff reductions in connection with Russia's WTO tariff commitments. In particular, the following agricultural items will be affected by the EAEU import tariff changes as of September 1, 2016: boneless pork (EAEU HS code 0210 19 810 0); fish liver, eggs and roes, edible fish by-products, crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates (from 0305-0308, 0511); cheese (from 0406); vegetables, including frozen, canned, dried (from EAEU HS Chapter 07); pistachios, dates and dried grapes (from 0802, 0804, and 0806); tea (from 0902); vegetable fats and oils (from 1510 and 1516); prepared or preserved crustaceans (from 1605); some sugars (from 1702); cocoa paste and cocoa butter (1803 10 000 0 and 1804 00 000 0); processed vegetables, fruits, and nuts (from 2001-2003 and 2005); sauces and seasonings, ice-cream, and other miscellaneous edible preparations (from 2103, 2105-2106); mineral waters and alcohol (from 2201, 2203-2206), vegetable residues and preparations for animal feeds (from 2309); tobacco items (from 2402); fatty acids (from 3823). Additionally, the document amended the lists of import tariff rates differing from the Unified EAEU tariff for Armenia, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
April 12, 2016

Publication Date: April 15, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 32 *On Approval of Procedure for Deferred Customs Valuation* - original
in Russian

Summary: The decision approved the respective procedure, which shall be used in cases when foreign trade contracts for goods imported into the EAEU do not establish a fixed price but rather specify that the final price depends on stock exchange prices (quotation, index).