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As noted herein, Russia and other EAEU Member States notified some of the SPS/TBT measures covered in this report to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

SPS/TBT MEASURES PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Publication Date: November 6, 2018

1. **Veterinary Requirements:** Draft decision “On Amending Annex No. 1 to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” – original in Russian [here](#). For English, please see GAIN report *RS1832 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

Summary: Kazakhstan and Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via [G/SPS/N/KAZ/26](#) of November 29, 2018, and [G/SPS/N/RUS/156](#) of December 4, 2018, respectively. According to the draft, a veterinary certificate, an import permit, and inclusion in the list of approved establishments would be required to import lysine into the EAEU. For details please see GAIN report *RS1832 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>). The public comment period for the draft closed on February 2, 2019. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

Publication Date: December 17, 2018

2. **Technical Regulation:** Draft Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation (TR) of the Customs Union “Safety Requirements for Food Additives, Flavorings and Technological Aids” (TR TS 029/2012) – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report *RS1901 Draft Amendments to EAEU Technical Regulation on Food Additives* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

Summary: Russia and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via [G/TBT/N/RUS/90](#) of January 10, 2019, and [G/TBT/N/KAZ/23](#) of January 30, 2019, respectively. According to Russia’s notification, the notified document applies to food additives, flavors and technological aids of the Eurasian Economic Union, as well as food products containing them. The amendments include changes to some definitions of the terms, as well as some new terms and editorial amendments. The document also establishes additional requirements for food additives, flavors and technological aids. Overall, as the EEC specified in its explanatory note to the draft, the revisions came as a result of analysis of the first five years of the TR implementation. For details please see GAIN report *RS1901 Draft Amendments to EAEU Technical Regulation on Food Additives* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>). The public comment period for the draft closed on March 31, 2019. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

Publication Date: February 5, 2019

3. **Veterinary Requirements:** Draft decision “On Amending the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” – original in Russian [here](#). For English, please see GAIN report *RS1904 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

Summary: Russia and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via of [G/SPS/N/RUS/160](#) February 7, 2019, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/35](#) of March 18, 2019, respectively. The key change proposed by the notified document would be to expand the Unified EAEU Veterinary Requirements to include some prepared dairy items under the EAEU HS headings 1901 and 2106. In particular, a veterinary certificate, an import permit and inclusion in the list of approved establishments would be required for such prepared dairy products. The draft measure also contains several editorial amendments that do not change the English translation or the way the regulation will be enforced. For details please see GAIN report *RS1904 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>). The public comment period for the draft closed on May 17, 2019. As of the date of this report, the draft has been partially adopted by the EEC, please see the EEC Council Decision 11 of 2019 [below](#).

Publication Date: February 12, 2019

4. **Technical Regulation:** Draft Amendments No. 5 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Safety” (TR TS 021/2011) – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report *RS1905 Amendments to EAEU Food Safety Regulation Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

Summary: On February 12, 2019, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft document via [G/TBT/N/RUS/91](#). According to the notification, the amendments will bring the Technical Regulation on “Food Safety” in compliance with the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union by excluding state supervision (control) as a form of conformity assessment, and clarify the definition for the “process of production (manufacturing) of food products.” For

details please see GAIN report *RS1905 Amendments to EAEU Food Safety Regulation Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>). The public comment period for the draft closed on April 10, 2019. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

Publication Date: April 23, 2019

5. **Veterinary Requirements Veterinary Certificate:** Draft decision “On Amending Chapter 33 of the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” - original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report *KZ1904 Draft SPS Measure on Hides and Skins Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

Summary: Kazakhstan and Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the drafts via [G/SPS/N/KAZ/38](#) of May 8, 2019, and [G/SPS/N/RUS/163](#) of June 17, 2019, respectively. The proposed changes would relax EAEU requirements for anthrax testing and simplify requirements for curing (preservation) of the respective animal origin materials. For details please see GAIN report *KZ1904 Draft SPS Measure on Hides and Skins Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>). The public comment period for the draft closed on August 16, 2019. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

Publication Date: June 14, 2019

6. **Veterinary Certificate:** Draft decision “On Amending the Form of the Unified Veterinary Certificate for Breeding and Production Cattle Exported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union” – original in Russian [here](#). For English, please see GAIN report *RS1910 Draft SPS Measure on Breeding Cattle Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

Summary: Russia and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via [G/SPS/N/RUS/162](#) of June 17, 2019, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/39](#) of June 19, 2019, respectively. The draft would remove one of the BSE attestations in the certificate to bring it in compliance with the OIE recommendations. For details please see GAIN report *RS1910 Draft SPS Measure on Breeding Cattle Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>). The public comment period for the draft closed on August 18, 2019. The measure was adopted in December, 2019, please see [EEC Collegium decision No. 213](#) below.

INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDA AND AGREEMENTS

Publication Date: May 31, 2019

[Agreement](#) on the Mechanism of Traceability of Goods within the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Union - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The Agreement, signed in Nur-Sultan on May 29, 2019, will cover only imported products that are released for domestic consumption or sold in the EAEU, or moved from the territory of one EAEU Member State to the territory of another EAEU Member State. The EEC should determine a list of products to be traced, and EEC decisions approving the list or amendments to the list should come into force at least 90 days after their official publication. The EAEU Member States shall launch a pilot project on the implementation of traceability under the agreement 12 months after the Agreement enters into force. Based on the results of the pilot project, the EAEU Member States shall fully implement the traceability mechanism under the agreement pending an EEC Intergovernmental Council decision that should come into force at least 90 days after its official publication. The Agreement will enter into force after ratification by all of the EAEU Member States. Russia ratified the Agreement on December 2, 2019.

Publication Date: October 3, 2019

Free Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, of the One Part, and the Republic of Singapore, of the Other Part- original in [English](#)

Summary: The Free Trade Agreement (FTA,) signed between the EAEU and Singapore on October 1, 2019, is pending ratification and will enter into force shortly after completion of the internal legal procedures by the EAEU Member States and Singapore.

The FTA has the following structure:

Chapter 1.	Initial Provisions and General Definitions
Chapter 2.	Market Access
Annex 2-1	Schedules of Tariff Commitments
Chapter 3.	Trade Remedies
Chapter 4.	Rules of Origin
Annex 4-1	Certificate of Origin
Annex 4-2	Instructions for Completing a Certificate of Origin
Annex 4-3	Declaration of Origin
Annex 4-4	Product Specific Rules
Chapter 5.	Customs Cooperation and Trade Facilitation
Chapter 6.	Technical Barriers to Trade
Chapter 7.	Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures
Chapter 8.	Intellectual Property
Chapter 9.	Electronic Commerce
Chapter 10.	Government Procurement
Annex 10-1	Publication of Laws and Regulations on Government Procurement
Chapter 11.	Competition
Annex 11-1	Official Websites of the Authorities Responsible for Competition
Annex 11-2	Official Websites of the Sectoral Authorities Responsible for Competition
Chapter 12.	Environment
Chapter 13.	Transparency
Chapter 14.	Dispute Settlement

Annex 14-1	Rules of Procedure for Arbitration
Annex 14-2	Code of Conduct for Arbitrators
Chapter 15.	Institutional and General Provisions
Chapter 16.	Final Provisions

According to the EEC, under the FTA Singapore will provide duty-free access for all goods of the EAEU countries, while the EAEU will provide duty-free access for Singaporean goods, making up 40 percent of the entire product range, immediately after the agreement enters into force. After completion of all transition periods ranging from three to ten years depending on a product, this number will go up to 87 percent of the entire product range.

Publication Date: October 28, 2019

Free Trade Agreement between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, of the One Part, and the Republic of Serbia, of the Other Part - original in [English](#)

Summary: The Free Trade Agreement (FTA,) signed between the EAEU and Serbia on October 25, 2019, is pending ratification and will enter into force 60 days after completion of the internal legal procedures by the EAEU Member States and Serbia. The agreement formulates the main rules of trade among the EAEU members and Serbia in accordance with the WTO and stipulates further liberalization of trade in a limited nomenclature of goods. The FTA fully harmonizes trade terms between Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russia, on one part, and Serbia, on the other, with which they already have bilateral free trade agreements, it also creates a similar regime for Armenian and Kyrgyz goods, which previously had no preferences in accessing the Serbian market.

According to the FTA's Annexes, both the EAEU and Serbia will have several agricultural items excluded from the free trade regime under the Agreement. Thus, Serbia's exemptions would include imports of white sugar (from the HS group 1701), undenatured alcohol items (from 2207 and 2208), and tobacco items (from 2402) from all of the EAEU Member States except Russia. Additionally, Serbia will apply tariff rate quotas for processed cheese items (from 0406), spirits (from 2208) and tobacco products (from 2402), allowing a limited amount of these goods to be imported duty free from all of the EAEU Member States except Russia.

The EAEU exclusions from the free trade regime with Serbia will include poultry items (from the EAEU HS group 0207), processed cheese items (from 0406), white sugar (from 1701), sparkling wine (from 2204), undenatured alcohol products (from 2207 and 2208), and tobacco items (from 2402). The EAEU will also apply tariff rate quotas for some cheese items (from 0406), spirits (from 2208) and tobacco products (from 2402), allowing a limited amount of these goods to be imported duty free from Serbia.

Publication Date: October 29, 2019

[Agreement](#) on Measures Aimed at Unification of Selection and Breeding Work with Agricultural Animals in the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Union" - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The Agreement, signed in Moscow on October 25, 2019, mandates unification of selection and breeding work with agricultural animals and empowers the EEC to develop the necessary regulations, methods of assessment of the animals' breeding value, and procedures to implement the Agreement. According to the Agreement, the EAEU Member States shall ensure exchange of information on breeding animals and selection achievements, and coordination of selection and breeding work in the EAEU. According to the EEC, the Agreement will become the basis for an agreed policy in the field of livestock breeding, will help increase the genetic potential of animals, increase production of competitive breeding products and respective mutual trade, as well as reduce dependence from imported breeding products.

The EAEU also signed the following Memorandums with between September 20, 2018, and December 6, 2019:

- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia - original in [English](#) and [Russian](#)
- Memorandum of understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the African Union on economic cooperation - original in [English](#) and [Russian](#).
- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh - original in [English](#) and [Russian](#)
- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government Secretariat for Agro-Industry of the Ministry of Production and Labor of the Argentine Republic on cooperation in the field of agro-industrial complex - original in [English](#) and [Russian](#)
- Memorandum of Cooperation on Trade and Economic Issues between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) - original in [English](#) and [Russian](#)
- Memorandum of Cooperation between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand - original in [English](#) and [Russian](#)
- Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations on Economic Cooperation - original in [English](#) and [Russian](#).

Summary: The Memorandums are not international agreements and do not create financial or other obligations for the Parties. The Memoranda are a declaration by the Parties of their intent to promote cooperation between the Parties in order increase bilateral trade and investment. The areas of cooperation under the Memoranda, inter alia, include regional economic integration, trade facilitation, trade policy, customs regulation, technical regulation and standardization, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and agro-industrial complex, and government procurement.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
September 14, 2018

Publication Date: October 30, 2018

[EEC Council Decision No. 75.](#) *On Amending Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Products Labeling” (TR TS 022/2011) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The amendment specifies the criteria for legibility, adequacy and clarity of food labeling. It also stipulates that the made-up name, if any, should be included in the name of food products and located near the name of the food products. The decision came into force on April 28, 2019. As a draft, Russia notified the WTO of this document in 2016 via [G/TBT/N/RUS/47](#). For English translation of the document notified in 2016, please see GAIN report *RS1604 Draft Amendments to EAEU Food Labeling Regulation* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
December 5, 2018

Publication Date: December 10, 2018

[EEC Council Decision No. 98.](#) *On Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union “On Safety of Alcohol Products” - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The document adopted the EAEU Technical Regulation (TR) “On Safety of Alcohol Products” (TR EAEU 047/2018.) The adopted TR will come into effect as of January 9, 2021. For automated English translation of the Technical Regulation, please, see [here](#). The first draft of the document was developed back in 2011, for details please see GAIN report *RSATO1203 CU Draft Technical Regulation on Safety of Alcoholic Beverages* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>). As a draft, Russian notified the TR to the WTO via [G/TBT/N/RUS/2](#) in December 2012, however, the document has been revised since, and EAEU members are yet to notify the adopted TR to the WTO.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
January 18, 2019

Publication Date: February 18, 2019

[EEC Council Decision No. 3.](#) *On Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Certain Fish Species and on Amending the List of Goods Which in Accordance with the Commitments of the Republic of Kazakhstan as Part of its Accession to the World Trade Organization shall be Subject to Import Customs Duty Rates that are Lower than the Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the Rates of such Tariffs- original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision temporarily reduces the import duty on certain live salmon species (EAEU HS code 0301 91 900 0 and 0301 99 110 0) from 10 to zero percent for three years, from February 28, 2019, through February 28, 2022.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
February 22, 2019**

Publication Date: March 12, 2019

[EEC Council Decision No. 11](#) *On Amending the Unified List of Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision expands the respective EAEU list to include some prepared dairy items under the EAEU HS headings 1901 and 2106. This is a necessary step to implement the measure notified by Russia and Kazakhstan to the WTO earlier this year, as described [above](#).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
March 29, 2019**

Publication Date: May 6, 2019

[EEC Council Decision No. 31](#) *On Amending Unified Quarantine Phytosanitary Requirements for Regulated Products and Objects at the Customs Border and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision adopted numerous amendments to various parts of the stated Requirements, including for soybeans. As a draft, the measure was notified by Armenia and Russia in March, 2018, via [G/SPS/N/ARM/26](#) and [G/SPS/N/RUS/148](#), respectively. For details please see GAIN report *RS1811 Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Requirements Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
April 29, 2019**

Publication Date: May 6, 2019

[EEC Council Decision No. 44](#) *On Amending the List of Goods Which in Accordance with the Commitments of the Republic of Kazakhstan as Part of its Accession to the World Trade Organization shall be Subject to Import Customs Duty Rates that are Lower than the Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the Rates of such Tariffs* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision amends the respective tariff schedule for Kazakhstan. In particular, the following agricultural goods saw tariff reductions for imports to Kazakhstan: pork and poultry items (from EAEU HS groups 0203, 0207, and 0209), fish and seafood items (from 0301, 0303-0308); whey products (from 0404); natural sponges and plant products (from 0511 and 0604); some vegetables and mushrooms (from 0707 and 0709); green tea (from 0902); some starch and

seeds (from 1108, 1204, 1206-1207); some vegetable oil and fat products (from 1513, 1515-1516, and 1522); prepared or preserved meat and fish and seafood items (from 1602 and 1604-1605); some sugar and sugar confectionery items (from 1701-1702, and 1704); prepared or preserved fruits, vegetables, nuts, mushrooms, and fruit and vegetable juices (from 2001 and 2007-2009); some other prepared food items (from 2103 and 2106); wines and other alcoholic beverages (from 2204, 2206, and 2208); tobacco items (from 2403); and odoriferous substances (from 3302). The decision came into force as of May 16, 2019.

Publication Date: June 24, 2019

[EEC Council Decision No. 61](#) *On Establishing Import Duty Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect of Certain Types of Fruit Processing Products* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision extends the temporary zero import duty rate on the following fruit purees in packaging of over 40 kg: apricot puree (EAEU HS code 2007 99 500 3), pear puree (2007 99 500 4), peach puree (2007 99 500 5), and other purees (2007 99 500 7) through June 30, 2020. The regular 10 percent import duty on the fruit purees above has been reduced to zero for almost three years, since January 2017.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
May 28, 2019**

Publication Date: May 31, 2019

[EEC Council Decision No. 59](#) *On Amending the Unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union and the 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, as well as Certain Decisions of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council and the Eurasian Economic Commission* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision establishes a flat rate of 25 percent on fresh, chilled or frozen pork imported into Russia. The decision implements Russia's WTO commitment to replace its pork tariff rate quotas with a flat bound rate of 25 percent as of January 1, 2020.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
August 8, 2019**

Publication Date: August 13, 2019

[EEC Council Decision No. 74](#) *On Amending Certain Decisions of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The key amendment adopted by the decision is adding dwarf bunt of wheat (*Tilletia controversa* Kuhn) to the Unified EAEU List of Quarantine Pests, while the document also includes a number of editorial amendments. As a draft, Russia notified the measure to the WTO

via [G/SPS/N/RUS/150](#) in June 2018. For details, please see GAIN report *RS1816 Draft Amendments to EAEU Pest List Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
September 25, 2018

Publication Date: September 28, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 155](#) *On Establishing Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quota for Certain Types of Long Grain Rice Originating from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Imported in 2019 into the Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision establishes the respective 2019 TRQ volumes for two rice items (from HS 1006). In a change from the previous years, in 2019, the total TRQ amount of 10,000 MT will be split between three countries, as Armenia will join Russia and Belarus in sharing the Vietnamese rice TRQ. As a result, Russia's TRQ will decrease from 9,039 MT in 2018 to 8,776 MT in 2019. Belarus will increase its TRQ from 961 MT in 2018 to 1,074 MT in 2019, while Armenia's TRQ will be 150 MT in 2019. The TRQ for the remaining two EAEU Member States Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan will be zero.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
October 16, 2018

Publication Date: October 19, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 166](#) *On Approval of a List of Goods, for which Submission of a Customs Declaration shall be Accompanied by a Document on Assessment of Conformity with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of Certain Types of Specialized Food Products, Including Dietary Therapeutic and Dietary Prophylactic Nutrition" (TR TS 027/2012), on Information on Such a Document - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The document approved a list of water products that are subject to the EAEU TR "On Safety of Certain Types of Specialized Food Products, Including Dietary Therapeutic and Dietary Prophylactic Nutrition." Each item on the list is identified by the EAEU HS code. The list should help identify which products require a certificate of state registration for conformity with the TR.

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 168](#) *On the List of International and Regional (Intergovernmental) Standards, and in case of their Absence – National (State) Standards, Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of Certain Types of Specialized Food Products, Including Dietary Therapeutic and Dietary Prophylactic Nutrition" (TR TS 027/2012) and Carrying out Assessment of Compliance of the Regulated Products - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision approves the stated list of standards containing 247 items. For details on the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Certain Types of Specialized Food Products, Including Dietary Therapeutic and Dietary Prophylactic Nutrition” (TR TS 027/2012) please see GAIN report *RS1340 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Specialized Foods* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
December 11, 2018**

Publication Date: December 14, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 198](#) *On the Establishment of Rate of Import Customs Duty of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect of Certain Types of Fertilized Fish Eggs and on Amending the List of Goods and Rates that shall be subject to a Transition Period, during which the Kyrgyz Republic shall Apply the Rates of Import Customs Duties Differing from the Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision extends the temporary zero import tariff on fertilized fish eggs other than sturgeon’s (EAEU HS Code 0511 91 901 9) through February 28, 2022. The temporary zero rate for the item has been in effect since May 2015, but for a short period between May and August 2018, when the regular import tariff for this HS code of 8% was in effect.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
December 18, 2018**

Publication Date: December 21, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 205](#) *On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision introduces a new Chapter 46 with the veterinary and sanitary requirements for rabbit semen imported into the Eurasian Economic Union. As a draft, Russia notified the WTO of this draft document via <G/SPS/N/RUS/147> in February 2018. For English translation of the original draft please see GAIN report *RS1804 Draft SPS Measure on Rabbit Semen Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 206](#) *On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision introduces a new form No. 47 of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate for rabbit semen imported into the Eurasian Economic Union. As a draft, Russia notified the WTO of this draft document via <G/SPS/N/RUS/147> in February 2018. For English translation of the original draft please see GAIN report *RS1804 Draft SPS Measure on Rabbit Semen Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
December 25, 2018

Publication Date: December 28, 2018

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 216](#) *On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved amendments to the EAEU procedures for negotiation and approval of import veterinary certificates differing from the common veterinary certificates for controlled goods, imported into the EAEU customs territory from third countries. As a draft, the measure was notified to the WTO by Kazakhstan via [G/SPS/N/KAZ/9](#) in April 2017. For English translation of the original draft please see GAIN report *RS1728 WTO Notified on Draft Amendments to Vet Requirements* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
January 22, 2019

Publication Date: January 25, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 10](#) *On the Preferential Rates of Import Customs Duties for Goods Originating from the Islamic Republic of Iran and Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approves the list of preferential import tariffs for Iranian goods imported into the EAEU as of October 27, 2019, which is the date of entry into force of the Interim Agreement Leading to Formation of a Free Trade Area between the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States, of the One Part, and the Islamic Republic of Iran, of the Other Part. For details on the Agreement, please see GAIN report *RS1830 Eurasian Economic Union Ag Times No. 2 of 2018* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.) In particular, the following Iranian agricultural goods will enjoy preferential EAEU import tariffs: some fish and shrimp items (from the EAEU HS headings 0302 and 0306), blue cheese (0406 40 900 0), plant items (from 0602-0603), fresh vegetables (from 0701-0707, and 0709), pistachios and fruits (from 0802, 0804-0808, 0810, and 0813), chewing gum (from 1704), confectionery and bakery items (from 1806 and 1905), and processed vegetables and fruits, including fruit juices (from 2002, 2007, and 2009).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
January 29, 2019

Publication Date: January 30, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 13](#) *On the Procedure of Implementation of Amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Products Labeling” (TR TS 022/2011)* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision established a 24 months transition period for the most recent amendments to the EAEU TR “On Food Products Labeling,” adopted by the EEC Council Decision No. 75 [above](#). In particular, during this transition period companies will be allowed to produce and release into circulation products in accordance with the previous requirements of the EAEU TR “On Food Products Labeling,” while sale of such products shall be allowed within their shelf-life.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
March 19, 2019**

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[EEC Collegium Decision No. 40](#) *On Amending 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 Milk and Dairy Products” (TR CU 033/2013), 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 of the Customs Union “On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products” (TR CU 033/2013) and Carrying out of Assessment (Confirmation) of the Regulated Products’ Conformity - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision approves the respective amendments, which extend the deadlines for development of the respective standards to 2019-2021, from the original 2016-2018. The document also expands the list of standards to be developed or revised by 2023 to 175, up from the originally listed 83 standards.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
April 16, 2019**

Publication Date: April 19, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 61](#) *On Transitional Provisions of the Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union “On Safety of Alcohol Products” (TR EAEU 047/2018)” - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision establishes a number of transitional provisions for the implementation of the new EAEU TR in effect through January 9, 2024. For example, production and circulation of the covered products in accordance with the current EAEU and national requirements of the EAEU Member States will be allowed until January 9, 2024. As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the WTO.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
May 21, 2019

Publication Date: May 24, 2019

[EEC Collegium Order No. 87.](#) *On the Membership of the Consultative Committee on Technical Regulation, Application of Sanitary, Veterinary, and Phytosanitary Measures* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved an updated list of members of the Consultative Committee for Technical Regulations, Application of Sanitary, Veterinary, and Phytosanitary Measures. On the agricultural front, Russia is represented by Stats-Secretary – Deputy Minister of Agriculture Mr. Lebedev, Head of Rospotrebnadzor (Russia’s food safety watchdog) and Russia’s Chief Sanitary Doctor Ms. Popova, Stats-Secretary – Deputy Head of Rospotrebnadzor Mr. Orlov, Deputy Head of Rospotrebnadzor Ms. Bragina, and Head of the Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service, or Rosselkhoznadzor, Mr. Dankvert.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
April 16, 2019

Publication Date: April 19, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 102](#) *On Amending Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 80 of June 30, 2017* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approves a new version of the unified form of state registration previously approved by the respective EEC Collegium. The certificate of state registration is a document that confirms compliance of products with the requirements of the EAEU technical regulations or the Unified Sanitary-Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Products Subject to Sanitary-Epidemiological Surveillance (Control). The decision also amends the procedure for issuing certificates of state registration. The key change is that certificates of state registration issued in accordance with the requirements of the TRs will be valid for five years, whereas previously such certificates were valid for an unlimited time. The decision came into force as of July 20, 2019.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
July 9, 2019

Publication Date: July 12, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 116](#) *On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved amendments to the EAEU veterinary requirements for such products as day-old chicks and hatching eggs; fur bearing animals, cats and dogs; poultry; egg products; shell eggs; hides, horn, hoofs, etc.; animal feed of plant origin; zoo and circus animals; non-food raw materials of animal origin for production of feeds for non-producing domestic

animals and fur-bearing animals. As a draft, the measure was notified to the WTO by Armenia via [G/SPS/N/ARM/25](#) in March 2018. For English translation of the original draft please see GAIN report *AM1801 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 117](#) *On Amending the Forms of the Uniform Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union from Third Countries* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved amendments to the EAEU forms of unified certificates for such products as day-old chicks and hatching eggs; fur bearing animals, cats and dogs; poultry; egg products; shell eggs; hides, horn, hoofs, etc.; animal feed of plant origin; zoo and circus animals; non-food raw materials of animal origin for production of feeds for non-producing domestic animals and fur-bearing animals. As a draft, the measure was notified to the WTO by Armenia via [G/SPS/N/ARM/25](#) in March 2018. For English translation of the original draft please see GAIN report *AM1801 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
July 16, 2019**

Publication Date: July 22, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 119](#) *On Amending Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 11 of January 26, 2016* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision extended the transition period for implementation of the CU Technical Regulation on Milk and Dairy Products in Kyrgyzstan for three more years, until August 12, 2022, at which point the Kyrgyz dairy industry should produce milk and dairy products in full compliance with the requirements of the TR.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
July 31, 2019**

Publication Date: August 2, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 127](#) *On Establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of Certain Agricultural Goods into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2020, as well as Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of these Goods in the Territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision establishes tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) and respective volumes for imports of meat, poultry and whey into the Eurasian Economic Union. In line with the WTO commitments, Russia will eliminate its pork TRQs as of January 1, 2020, while Russia's TRQ volumes for other products will remain unchanged from 2019. Belarus and Kazakhstan TRQ volumes also remained unchanged, and as in previous years, Armenia will have no TRQs in

2020. As for Kyrgyzstan, it will slightly increase access for poultry while reducing its beef TRQ in 2020. For unofficial translation of the decision please see GAIN report *RS1913 EAEU 2020 TRQs Published and Russia to Eliminate Pork TRQs* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
August 6, 2019**

Publication Date: August 8, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 132](#) *On Amending the List of Goods, for which Unified Sanitary Requirements have been Established (by the EAEU HS Code), of Section 1, Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision (Control) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision establishes maximum residue levels for 3 monochloropropanediols (3-MCPD) and glycidyl esters. As a draft, Russia notified the measure to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/152](#) in July, 2018. For English translation of the original draft please see GAIN report *RS1822 Draft Amendments to Sanitary Requirements Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 139](#) *On Extending the Validity of Import Tariff Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union for Certain Types of Cocoa Products - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision extends temporary zero import tariffs on two cocoa product items (EAEU HS codes 1803 10 000 0 and 1804 00 000 0) for three years, through December 31, 2022. The regular 3 and 5 per cent import duties on the two items above, respectively, have been reduced to zero for over three years, since March 2016.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
September 17, 2019**

Publication Date: September 19, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 163](#) *On Establishing Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quota for Certain Types of Long Grain Rice Originating from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Imported in 2020 into the Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision establishes the respective 2020 TRQ volumes for two rice items (from HS 1006). As in the current year, in 2020, the total TRQ amount of 10,000 MT will be split between three countries, Armenia, Russia, and Belarus. As a result, Russia's TRQ will decrease dramatically from 8,776 MT in 2019 to 5,146 MT in 2020. Belarus will increase its TRQ from 1,074 MT in 2019 to 4,604, while Armenia's TRQ will be 250 MT in 2020, up from 150 MT in 2019. The TRQ for the remaining two EAEU Member States Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan will be zero.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
September 17, 2019

Publication Date: September 19, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 169.](#) *On Amending the List of Standards, Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union “On Safety of Packaged Potable Water Including Natural Mineral Water” (TR EAEU 044/2017) and Carrying out Assessment of Compliance of the Regulated Products - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision updates the respective list of standards, adding 36 new items on the list. For details on the Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union “On Safety of Packaged Potable Water Including Natural Mineral Water” (TR EAEU 044/2017) please see GAIN report *RS1752 EAEU Technical Regulation on Packaged Water* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 172](#) *On Approval of a List of Goods, for which Submission of a Customs Declaration shall be Accompanied by a Document on Assessment of Conformity (Information about the Document on Assessment of Conformity) with the Requirements 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 document approved a list of feed additive that are subject to the respective Technical Regulation. Each item on the list is identified by the EAEU HS code. The list should help identify which products require a declaration of conformity with the EAEU TR. For details on the Technical Regulation of the Eurasian Economic Union “Safety Requirements for Food Additives, Flavorings, and Technological Aids” (TR TS 029/2012) please see GAIN report *RS1338 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Food Additives* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
November 19, 2019

Publication Date: November 22, 2019

[EEC Collegium Decision No. 198.](#) *On the List of International and Regional (Intergovernmental) Standards, and in case of their Absence – National (State) Standards, Voluntary Application of which Ensures Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Meat and Meat Products” (TR TS 034/2013), and the List of Standards Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Meat and Meat Products” (TR TS 034/2013) and Carrying out of Assessment (Confirmation) of Compliance of the Regulated Products - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision updates the respective lists of standards, that will replace the current version of the lists adopted in 2014, as of December 22, 2019. The new lists contain 190 and 188 items, up from the current 138 and 132 items, respectively. For details on the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Meat and Meat Products” (TR TS 034/2013) please see GAIN report *RS1384 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Meat* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
December 3, 2019**

Publication Date: December 6, 2019

EEC Collegium Decision No. 213 *On Amending the Forms of the Unified Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union from Third Countries in Terms of Form No. 1* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision removes one of the BSE attestations in the certificate as notified by Russia and Kazakhstan to the WTO [G/SPS/N/RUS/162](#) of June 17, 2019, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/39](#) of June 19, 2019, respectively. For English translation of the original draft please see GAIN report *RS1910 Draft SPS Measure on Breeding Cattle Notified to WTO* (to download the report, please proceed to <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.)

Attachments:

No Attachments.