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The documents below are hyperlinked via automated translation services for readers seeking further details. Select "refresh" on your browser if the page does not translate to the end.

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SPS/TBT MEASURES PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Publication Date: April 29, 2016

1. **Technical Regulations:** Draft Amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products" – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1625 Draft TBT Measure on Dairy Products Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On May 23, 2016, Russia notified the WTO of this draft document via [G/TBT/N/RUS/68](#). In particular, the draft specifies the criteria for reconstituted milk by including references to reconstituted milk in Annexes No. 1, 3, 8, and 13. The public comment period for the draft will close on July 22, 2016. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with the National Institute of Standards and Technology at ncsci@nist.gov. For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by July 8, 2016.

Additionally, Kazakhstan and Armenia notified the same draft measure via [G/TBT/N/KAZ/4](#) and [G/TBT/N/ARM/76](#) on June 3 and 9, respectively.

2. **Technical Regulations:** Draft Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union "On Food Products Labeling" – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1626 Draft TBT Measure on Food Labeling Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On May 24, 2016, Russia notified the WTO of this draft document via [G/TBT/N/RUS/69](#). In particular, the draft specifies that for products obtained with the use of GMO the inscription "GMO" should be marked next to the unified mark of products circulation on the market of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States and the inscription should be similar to the unified mark in form and size. The public comment period for the draft will close on July 22, 2016. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns

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Additionally, Kazakhstan and Armenia notified the same draft measure via [G/TBT/N/KAZ/6](#) and [G/TBT/N/ARM/75](#) on June 6 and 9, respectively.

INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDA

Publication Date: May 18, 2016

Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Republic of Singapore - original in [English](#)

Summary: The Memorandum was signed in Moscow on May 18, 2016. According to the memorandum, it does not entail any legal or financial obligations for the Parties. The memorandum is a declaration by the Parties of their intent to cooperate in various spheres including regional economic integration, customs administration, technical regulations, SPS measures, and agriculture. The cooperation will be carried out in the framework of a joint Working Group that will meet at least once a year. The memorandum was written in Russian and English, with the English text to be used in case of difference in interpretation.

Publication Date: May 19, 2016

Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Government of the Kingdom of Cambodia - original in [English](#)

Summary: The Memorandum was signed in Moscow on May 17, 2016. According to the memorandum, it is not an international treaty and does not entail any legal or financial obligations for the Parties. The memorandum is a declaration by the Parties of their intent to cooperate in various spheres including economic integration, trade policy including trade facilitation, technical regulations, SPS measures, and agriculture. The cooperation will be carried out in the framework of a joint Working Group that will meet at least once a year. The memorandum was written in Russian, Khmer and English, with the English text to be used in case of difference in interpretation.

MEETING OF THE SUPREME EURASIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL AT THE HEADS OF STATE LEVEL May 31, 2016

Publication Date: June 1, 2016

EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 6 *On the Start of Negotiations with the Republic of Serbia on the Unification by the Eurasian Economic Union and its Member States of Trade Regime with the Republic of Serbia* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision authorized the Eurasian Economic Union Member States together with the Eurasian Economic Commission to launch the respective negotiations with the goal of concluding an EAEU-Serbia Free Trade Agreement.

EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 9 *On the Council of Heads of the Authorized Bodies in the Sphere of Sanitary and Epidemiological Well-Being of the Population of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision mandates creation of the respective Council as an auxiliary body of the EAEU and approves the related Regulation on the Council. According to the Regulation, the Council's goal will be to implement the unified and coordinated policy to ensure the sanitary and epidemiological well-being of the population in the EAEU. The Council shall consist of the heads of the authorized sanitary bodies and (or) chief sanitary doctors of the EAEU Member States and meet at least twice a year.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
February 12, 2016

Publication Date: June 6, 2016

EEC Council Decision No. 43 *On Amendments to Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 79 of October 1, 2014* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision introduces changes into the schedule for submission of draft technical regulations or draft amendments to the CU technical regulations to reflect the transition from the CU to EAEU and update the schedule to include new items and extend deadlines for some drafts. In particular, the updated schedule includes the following agricultural items (the dates are deadlines for submission of the relevant drafts to the EEC Commission for approval after public comments have been collected and the draft has been cleared domestically in each EAEU Member State):

I. Development of Draft Technical Regulations:

- On Safety of Alcohol Products – I quarter of 2014
- On Safety of Fish and Fish Products – I quarter of 2014
- On Safety of Potable Water Packaged in Containers – IV quarter of 2015
- On Safety of Feeds and Feed Additives – I quarter of 2016
- On Safety of Poultry and Products of its Processing – I quarter of 2016
- On Safety of Materials Contacting with Food Products – II quarter of 2016

II. Development of Draft Amendments to Technical Regulations:

- Amendments No. 3 to the Technical Regulation On Safety of Packaging (TR TS 005/2011) – I quarter of 2015
- Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation On Safety of Grain (TR TS 015/2011) – IV quarter of 2015

- Amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation On Food Products Labeling (TR TS 022/2011) – IV quarter of 2015
- Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation On Food Safety (TR TS 021/2011) – II quarter of 2016
- Amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation On Dairy (TR TS 033/2013) – II quarter of 2016
- Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation On Dairy (TR TS 033/2013) – II quarter of 2016
- Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation On Food Additives (TR TS 029/2012) – III quarter of 2016
- Amendments No. 3 to the Technical Regulation On Food Safety (TR TS 021/2011) – IV quarter of 2016
- Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation On Food Products Labeling (TR TS 022/2011) – IV quarter of 2016
- Amendments No. 4 to the Technical Regulation On Food Safety (TR TS 021/2011); Amendments No. 3 to the Technical Regulation On Food Products Labeling (TR TS 022/2011); Amendments No. 1 to the Technical Regulation On Specialized Foods (TR TS 027/2012) – IV quarter of 2016
- Amendments No. 2 to the Technical Regulation on Fat and Oil Products (TR TS 024/2011) – II quarter of 2017
- Amendments No. 5 to the Technical Regulation On Food Safety (TR TS 021/2011) – II quarter of 2017

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
March 17, 2016

Publication Date: April 29, 2016

EEC Council Decision No. 22 *On Amendments to Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 711 of July 15, 2011 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision updates the Regulation on the Unified Mark of Circulation on the Market of the Customs Union Member States to reflect the evolution of the Customs Union into the Eurasian Economic Union.

EEC Council Decision No. 23 *On the Procedure for Establishing and Keeping the Unified List of Products which shall be Subject to Mandatory Requirements within the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Union - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision approves the respective procedure which is one of the key methodological EAEU documents determining the unified policy of the Member States in the sphere of technical regulation. The Procedure defines the stages and criteria for inclusion (exclusion) of goods in (from) the Unified List.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
May 16, 2016

Publication Date: May 27, 2016

EEC Council Decision No. 33 *On Amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Grain” (TR TS 015/2011) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The amendments change the words “rape (grain)” to “rape (seed)” in the Technical Regulation. As a draft, the document was notified to the WTO via [G/TBT/N/RUS/30](#) and [G/SPS/N/RUS/42](#) in January 2014. For details please see GAIN report [RS1404 New Draft Amendments to CU Technical Regulation on Safety of Grain](#).

Publication Date: June 2, 2016

EEC Council Decision No. 36 *On Amendments to Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 318 of June 18, 2010 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision amends the form of the quarantine phytosanitary control act.

EEC Council Decision No. 39 *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 Wholly Milled Long Grain Rice with the Ratio of Length to Width of 3 or More, as well as Some Decisions of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission and the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision establishes a new EAEU HS item for rice to be imported duty-free under a tariff rate quota in preparation for implementation of the EAEU-Vietnam FTA.

EEC Council Decision No. 40 *On Establishment of Rates of Import Customs Duties of 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 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision will change the EAEU import tariff in connection with Russia’s WTO tariff commitments. According to this decision, the following agricultural items will be affected by the tariff changes as of September 1, 2016: some live, chilled, or frozen fish (from EAEU HS groups 0301 – 0304), dairy items and birds’ eggs (from 0402, 0406, and 0408), live plants (from 0602), carrots (0706 10 000 1), apples (from 0808), rice (from 1006), starches (from 1108), cotton-seed oil (from 1512), sugar confectionery and chocolate (from 1704, and 1806), pastry (from 1905), preserved fruit, nuts, and fruit juices (from 2008 – 2009), yeast (from 2102), and flax (from 5301).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
April 19, 2016**

Publication Date: April 22, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 34 *On the Application of Non-Tariff Regulation Measures* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: Among other things, the decision approved a new procedure for suspending or cancellation of licenses on export and (or) import of goods.

EEC Collegium Decision No. 36 *On the Application of Import Customs Duties for Goods Originating from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approves the list of import tariffs to be applied in trade between the EAEU Member States and Vietnam as of the date of entry into force of the EAEU-Vietnam Free Trade Agreement.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
May 10, 2016

Publication Date: May 12, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 40 *On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 883 of December 9, 2011* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision updated the respective lists of standards for the implementation of the requirements of [Customs Union Technical Regulation on Fat and Oil Products](#) that were originally approved in 2011.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
June 7, 2016

Publication Date: June 9, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 63 *On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 883 of December 9, 2011* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision updates the Unified EAEU veterinary requirements by adding a new chapter 44 with requirements for imported non-food raw materials of animal origin for production of feeds for non-producing domestic animals and fur-bearing animals. As a draft, the document was notified to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/14/Add.1](#) in April 2013. For details please see GAIN report [RS1320 Customs Union Publishes SPS Measures for Public Comment](#).

EEC Collegium Decision No. 64 *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. 45 of a veterinary certificate for non-food raw materials of animal origin for production of feeds for non-producing domestic

animals and fur-bearing animals imported into the Eurasian Economic Union. As a draft, the document was notified to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/14/Add.1](#) in April 2013. For details please see GAIN report [RS1320 Customs Union Publishes SPS Measures for Public Comment](#).

EEC Collegium Decision No. 67 *On Amending the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision expands EAEU veterinary requirements to cover leguminous vegetables used for animal feed and some feed additives. As a draft, the document was notified to the WTO via [G/SPS/N/RUS/109](#) in October 2015. For details please see GAIN report [RS1583 Draft EAEU SPS Measure on Feed and Feed Additives Notified to WTO](#).

Publication Date: June 15, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 69 *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 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 Products’ Conformity* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approves the respective program, which contains a total 83 standards to be developed/revised by 2018.

EEC Collegium Decision No. 70 *On Amending Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission No.76 of May 26, 2014* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision replaces the list of juice products that are subject to the CU [Technical Regulation on Fruit and Vegetable Juice Products](#) approved in 2014 with a new updated list. The list includes fruit and vegetable juice products including concentrated, reconstituted, purees, concentrated fruit and vegetable aromatic substances, pulp, etc. Each item is identified by the EAEU HS code. The list should help identify which products require a declaration of conformity with the CU TR “Technical Regulation on Fruit and Vegetable Juice Products.”