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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: July 11, 2016

1. **Forms of Veterinary Certificates:** Draft decision “On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1637 Draft SPS Measure on Dog Semen Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On July 13, 2016, Russia notified the WTO of this draft document via [G/SPS/N/RUS/126](#). According to the notification, the draft document introduces a new form No. 46 of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate for dog semen imported into the Eurasian Economic Union. The public comment period for the draft will close on September 11, 2016. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA’s enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov).

Additionally, Kazakhstan notified the same draft measure via [G/TBT/N/KAZ/4](#) on July 29, 2016.

2. **Veterinary Requirements:** Draft decision “On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS1637 Draft SPS Measure on Dog Semen Notified to WTO](#).

Summary: On July 13, 2016, Russia notified the WTO of this draft document via [G/SPS/N/RUS/127](#). According to the notification, the draft document introduces a new Chapter 45 with the veterinary and sanitary requirements dog semen imported into the Eurasian Economic Union. The public comment period for the draft will close on September 11, 2016. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA’s enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov).

Additionally, Kazakhstan notified the same draft measure via [G/TBT/N/KAZ/3](#) on July 29, 2016.

INTERNATIONAL MEMORANDA

Publication Date: July 7, 2016

Memorandum of Understanding between the Eurasian Economic Commission and the World Customs Organization - original in [English](#)

Summary: The Memorandum was signed in Brussels on June 17, 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 and consult on matters of common interest to coordinate their efforts on trade facilitation and improvement of Customs regulations.” The memorandum was written in Russian and English, with the English text to prevail in case of any discrepancy.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL April 6, 2016

Publication Date: July 12, 2016

[EEC Council Decision No. 47](#) *On Approval of the Regulation on the Terms and Procedure for Application of the Unified System of Tariff Preferences of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approved the respective Regulation that will replace the Protocol on the Unified System of Tariff Preferences of the Customs Union of December 12, 2008, as of October 10, 2016. According to the Regulation, EAEU will apply tariff preferences to goods originating from developing and least developed countries provided that the goods and the countries are on the relevant EAEU lists of eligible goods and countries. Additionally, developing countries classified by the World Bank as countries with upper middle income and high income are not eligible for the EAEU tariff preferences.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL July 11, 2016

Publication Date: August 16, 2016

[EEC Council Decision No. 51](#) *On Establishing Rates of Import Customs Duties of the Common Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect of Some Types of Juices, Products Made of Polyurethanes, Refrigerators and Motor Vehicles* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision, in particular, replaced the combined EAEU tariff rate for two items of concentrated juices (from HS 2009) of 10 percent but not less than 0.05 Euro per liter with an ad valorem tariff of 10 percent, as of September 1, 2016. According to the decision, the new ad valorem rate will be valid until August 31, 2017.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM

June 21, 2016

Publication Date: June 22, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 76 *On Establishing Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quota for Certain Types of Long Grain Rice Originating from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Imported into the Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision establishes the respective 2016 TRQ volumes for two rice items (from HS 1006). In particular, the TRQ for Belarus is 1,026 tons and for Russia – 8,974 tons, while TRQs for the other three EAEU Member States Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan is set at zero. The decision will take effect as of the date of entry into force of the EAEU-Vietnam FTA, which is expected on October 5, 2016.

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM

July 26, 2016

Publication Date: July 28, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 83 *On Establishing the List of Goods that are of Critical Importance for the Domestic Market of the Eurasian Economic Union, which in exceptional cases can be subject to temporary export restrictions or bans* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision replaced similar regulation adopted in 2010 for the Customs Union. The list, in particular, contains the following agricultural items: meats (HS 0201, 0202, 0203, 0204), dairy products (0401, 0402), some vegetables (from 0708 and 0713), cereals (1001, 1002, 1003, 1004, 1005, 1006, and from 1008), products of milling industry (from 1101, 1102, and 1106; 1103, 1104, 1105), oilseeds and miscellaneous seeds and grains (1201, 1205, 1206 00, 1207 50, 1208, from 1209 and 1214), oils and fats (1507, 1512, 1514, and from 1515, 1517 and 1518), residues and waste from food industries and animal feeds (2302, 2309, and from 2304, 2306), raw hides and skins (from HS heading 41). Compared to the previous version of the list, a new item, beans (HS 0713 39 000) was added to it, and the HS code for lupine for specified to ten digits (HS 1204 90 900 0).

MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM

August 30, 2016

Publication Date: August 31, 2016

EEC Collegium Decision No. 97 *On Establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of Certain Agricultural Goods into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2017, 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. Unchanged from 2016,

Russia's and Kazakhstan's TRQ volumes appear consistent with their WTO commitments. While Belarus TRQ volumes remained unchanged, the country's TRQ volume for turkey of 0.9 metric tons (MT) in 2017 will include both fresh and frozen deboned turkey meat. The EEC decision does not establish any TRQs for Armenia, while Kyrgyzstan will have a TRQ of 3.5 MT for chilled and frozen pork, and 58 MT for two HS items of frozen bone-in chicken (HS 0207 14 200 1 and 02070 14 600 1).

EEC Collegium Decision No. 98 *On Establishing Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quota for Certain Types of Long Grain Rice Originating from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Imported in 2017 into the Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision establishes the respective 2017 TRQ volumes for two rice items (from HS 1006). In particular, unchanged from 2016, the TRQ for Belarus will be 1,026 tons and for Russia – 8,974 tons, while TRQs for the other three EAEU Member States Armenia, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan will be zero.