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**Report Highlights:**

In March 2021, Kazakhstan put in place a ban on breeding cattle and ram exports. The ban remains in place. An annual, per operation export quota has been added for exports of bulls of 12-months of age or older and rams of 6-months of age or older; the quota is regularly updated.

On March 11, 2021, the Kazakhstan Minister of Agriculture issued Order No 68 “On some issues of agricultural animal exports”, restricting exports of breeding cattle (HS 0102) and rams (HS 0104) for 6-months.

The Ministry has extended and modified the ban multiple times. A timeline for these orders is as follows:

On October 1, 2021, Order No 285 extended the ban.

On January 10, 2022, Order No 4 extended the ban.

On August 22, 2022, Order No 265 extended the ban.

On December 19, 2022, the Minister of Agriculture issued Order No 428, introducing a national 60,000 head export quota for breeding cattle (HS 0102) of 12-months or older, and a national 120,000 head export quota for rams (HS 0104) of 6-months or older. The quota was effective until March 1, 2023.

On June 5, 2023, Order No 216 extended the ban and quota.

On June 26, 2023, Order No 216 was amended, putting in place a specific export quota for feedlots and ranches, at 30,000 bulls each. The order also allowed for exports of 30,000 rams from feedlots and 90,000 rams from ranches. Please, see an unofficial translation of this order in Annex 1.

On June 9, 2023, Order No 224 extended the ban and quota by another six months.

On November 15, 2023, Order No 389, amended the quota as follows:

- Each feedlot is eligible to export no more than 4,000 heads of bulls of 12-months age or older.
- Ranches are eligible to export no more than 500 heads of bulls at 12-months of age or older.
- Feedlots may not export more than 1,000 heads of rams at 6-months of age or older.
- Ranches may not export more than 500 heads of rams at 6-months of age or older.

## Annex 1: Unofficial Translation

### **On some issues of export of farm animals from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan**

Order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated June 5, 2023, No. 216. Registered with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan on June 6, 2023, No. 32703.

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 17 and paragraph 3 of Article 18 of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Regulation of Trade Activities”, Articles 29 and 47 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, I ORDER:

1. Introduce quantitative restrictions (quotas) for a period of six months:

for the export from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan to third countries and to the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union of live cattle (code of the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union 0102) in the amount of 60,000 (sixty thousand) heads of bulls;

for the export from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan to third countries and to the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union of live sheep and goats (code of the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union 0104) in the amount of 120,000 (one hundred and twenty thousand) heads of rams.

2. Approve the attached Rules for the distribution of quantitative restrictions (quotas).

3. The Department of Agrifood Markets and Processing of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan, in the manner established by law, shall ensure:

1) state registration of this order with the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan;

2) placement of this order on the Internet resource of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan after its official publication.

4. Control over the implementation of this order is assigned to the supervising Vice Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

5. This order comes into force ten calendar days after the day of its first official publication.

Minister of Agriculture

Y. Karashukev

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Ministry of Finance

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Ministry of Trade and Integration

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Ministry of National Economy

Approved by the Order of the Minister  
of Agriculture No 216 from June 5,  
2023

## **Rules for the distribution of quantitative restrictions (quotas)**

### **Chapter 1. General provisions**

1. These Rules for the distribution of quantitative restrictions (quotas) (hereinafter referred to as the Rules) were developed in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 18 of the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Regulation of Trade Activities” and determine the procedure for the distribution of quantitative restrictions (quotas).

2. The following concepts apply in these Rules:

1) agricultural commodity producer (hereinafter referred to as commodity producer) - an individual or legal entity engaged in the production of agricultural products, including the reproduction of animals with high genetic potential, their conservation and breeding;

2) feedlot - a subject of the agro-industrial complex that has a specialized site and purchases male cattle/small cattle for further feeding;

3) commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity of the Eurasian Economic Union (hereinafter - TN FEA) - a system of description and coding of goods, which is used to classify goods for the purpose of applying customs tariff regulation measures, export customs duties, prohibitions and restrictions, measures to protect the domestic market, conducting customs statistics.

### **Chapter 2. The procedure for distributing quantitative restrictions (quotas)**

3. The authorized body in the field of development of the agro-industrial complex (hereinafter referred to as the authorized body), no later than 3 (three) working days from the date of entry into force of these Rules, publishes on the Internet resource of the authorized body [www.gov.kz](http://www.gov.kz) an announcement about the beginning of quarantine of animals and distribution of quotas for the export of steers older than 12 months (HS code 0102) and rams older than 6 months (HS code 0104) (hereinafter referred to as the goods).

Footnote. Clause 3 - as amended by the order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated June 26, 2023 No. 245 (shall be enforced from the date of its first official publication).

4. The announcement contains the following information:

- 1) quantitative limit for quarantine of bulls over 12 months and rams over 6 months;
- 2) a limit on one feedlot and on one commodity producer to obtain a quota for the export of goods;
- 3) the date and time of the beginning and end of the quarantine period for animals and the distribution of quotas for the export of goods;
- 4) a list of necessary documents for the quarantine of animals and the distribution of quotas for the export of goods.

Footnote. Clause 4 as amended by order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated June 26, 2023 No. 245 (shall be enforced from the date of its first official publication).

5. After the entry into force of these Rules, a quantitative limit is formed in the database for Animal Identification (hereinafter referred to as AI) through the “Quarantine (export)” functionality for placing bulls over 12 months old and rams over 6 months old for quarantine in accordance with

paragraphs 6 and 7 of these Rules, in the unified automated system for managing sectors of the agro-industrial complex "e-Agriculture" (hereinafter referred to as IS) - a quantitative limit on the issuance of veterinary certificates for the export of steers over 12 months and rams over 6 months in accordance with paragraphs 6 and 7 of these Rules .

If the established quantitative limit is exceeded, the IS automatically blocks the placement of animals for quarantine, and the IS automatically blocks the issuance of veterinary certificates.

Footnote. Clause 5 - as amended by the order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated June 26, 2023 No. 245 (shall be enforced from the date of its first official publication).

6. The quantitative limit for placing bull calves over 12 months old for quarantine is 60,000 (sixty thousand) heads, of which:

for feedlots – 30,000 (thirty thousand) heads;

for commodity producers – 30,000 (thirty thousand) heads.

The quantitative limit for quarantine of rams older than 6 months is 120,000 (one hundred and twenty thousand) heads, of which:

for feedlots – 30,000 (thirty thousand) heads;

for commodity producers – 90,000 (ninety thousand) heads.

7. The limit for one feedlot to obtain a quota for the export of bulls older than 12 months from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is no more than 500 (five hundred) heads in total, and for one commodity producer - no more than 200 (two hundred) heads.

The limit for one feedlot to obtain a quota for the export of lambs older than 6 months from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is in total no more than 1,000 (thousand) heads, and for one commodity producer - no more than 500 (five hundred) heads.

8. Quarantine of animals is carried out in accordance with the Rules for Quarantine of Animals, approved by Order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated December 30, 2014 No. 7-1/700 (registered in the Register of State Registration of Normative Legal Acts No. 10223).

9. After receiving a copy of the approved quarantine plan for animals, applicants apply to state veterinary organizations created by local executive bodies of regions, cities of republican significance, the capital in districts, cities of regional significance (hereinafter referred to as the veterinary organization), and submit an application in the form according to the appendix to these Rules accompanied by an approved animal quarantine plan.

10. An employee of the veterinary organization receives and registers the application on the day it is received. When an applicant applies after working hours, on weekends and holidays, in accordance with the labor legislation of the Republic of Kazakhstan, applications are accepted on the next working day.

Confirmation of acceptance of the application is a registration mark on its copy indicating the date, time (hours, minutes), surname and initials, position of the person who accepted the application.

11. Veterinary organization within two working days:

1) considers the application for compliance with the requirements of these Rules;  
2) if the application meets the requirements of these Rules, enters information from the application into the ILI and places animals for quarantine through the “Quarantine (export)” functionality;  
if the application does not comply with the requirements of these Rules, sends the applicant a reasoned refusal indicating the reasons for the refusal.

Applications for quarantine of animals are placed by the veterinary organization in order of priority according to the date and time of receipt of applications.

12. After the completion of the animal quarantine period, the number of quotas for the export of goods from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is distributed.

The distribution of the number of quotas for the export of goods from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is carried out in the IS automatically when issued by the chief state veterinary and sanitary inspector of cities of republican significance, the capital, district, city of regional significance and his deputies, state veterinary and sanitary inspectors based on the approved list of the chief state veterinary - sanitary inspector of cities of republican significance, district capital, city of regional significance and his deputies (hereinafter referred to as state veterinary and sanitary inspectors) of veterinary certificates in accordance with the Rules for issuing veterinary documents and requirements for their forms, approved by order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated May 21 2015 No. 7-1/453 (registered in the Register of State Registration of Normative Legal Acts No. 11898).

The distribution of the number of quotas for the export of goods from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan is carried out until the number of quotas for each type of product is completely exhausted, after which state veterinary and sanitary inspectors refuse to issue a veterinary certificate.

13. The authorized body publishes on the Internet resource of the authorized body the results of the distribution of quotas: a consolidated list of applicants who received a quota for the export of goods, indicating the name of the goods, the number of distributed quotas.

14. Appeals against decisions, actions (inaction) of a veterinary organization, state veterinary and sanitary inspector on the issues of quarantine of animals and distribution of quotas for the export of goods are carried out in accordance with Article 91 of the Administrative Procedure Code of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

#### **Attachments:**

No Attachments.