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General Information:

Welcome to the Russian Agricultural Policy and Situation Bi-Weekly Update, a summary of issues of interest to the U. S. agricultural community. The report includes information that has been garnered during travel within Russia, reported in the local media, or offered by host country officials and agricultural analysts. Press articles are included and summarized in this report. Significant issues will be expanded upon in subsequent reports from this office. Minor grammatical changes have been made for clarification.

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In Accordance with WTO Commitments Russia will Decrease Export Duties on Fish, Seafood, and Oilseeds on September 1, 2014. The Government Resolution No. 705 of July 25, 2014, decreases export duties on certain types of fish, seafood, oilseeds, wood products, and some other non-agricultural products. Thus, export duties on fish were decreased from 3.75 percent of customs value to 2.5 percent, export duties on certain seafood products is lowered from 7.5 percent to 5 percent. Export duties on soybeans will decrease from 13.33 percent, but not less than 23.33 Euro per 1 metric ton (MT), to 6.67 percent, but not less than 11.67 Euro per 1 MT. Export duties on rapeseed will be lowered from 15 percent, but not less than 27.13 Euro per 1 MT, to 11 percent, but not less than 19.26 Euro per 1 MT. Export duties on sunflowerseeds will decrease from 16.62 percent , but not less than 24.94 Euro per 1 MT, to 13.24 percent , but not less than 19.88 Euro per 1 MT. <http://government.ru/docs/14017>, <http://www.agronews.ru/news/detail/135282/>

VPSS Banned Imports of Soybeans, Soybean Meal, Sunflower seeds and Corn Cereals from Ukraine beginning August 1, 2014. The ban is said to be caused by quarantine concerns, as dangerous quarantine pests and diseases were found in shipments of soybeans, soybean meal, sunflowerseeds and corn cereals imported from Ukraine. <http://izvestia.ru/news/574682>, <http://top.rbc.ru/economics/31/07/2014/940250.shtml>.

Russia Banned Many Agricultural and Food products from the U.S., the EU, Canada, Australia and Norway. On August 6, 2014, Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree banning a list of agricultural products from the United States, Canada, European Union, Australia, and Norway as a result of the implementation of economic sanctions against Russia due to events in the region. The ban takes place immediately, according to the decree, and will be valid for 1 calendar year. The list of agricultural products include beef, pork, poultry, fruits, vegetables, fish, seafood, cheese, milk and a variety of other products.

<http://government.ru/docs/14195>. ATO Moscow reported in the GAIN report on this decree and included the list of banned products with the HS codes:

<http://gain.fas.usda.gov/Recent%20GAIN%20Publications/Russia%20Announces%20Ban%20on%20Variety%20of%20US%20Agricultural%20Products%20Moscow%20ATO%20Russian%20Federation%208-7-2014.pdf>

