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Temporary Export Ban on Some Hides and Skins

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Report Highlights:

On April 21, 2015, the Russian Government issued Decree No. 378 imposing a temporary export ban on hides and skins which fall under HS codes 410411 and 410419 from May 25 until November 25, 2015. According to the Government release, the measure should help ensure a stable supply of raw materials for domestic leather and footwear producers, as well as state defense needs. The new measure comes on the heels of a similar 6-month export ban on the same items, which expired on April 1, 2015.

As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization.

General Information

On April 21, 2015, the Russian Government issued [Decree No. 378](#) imposing a temporary export ban on hides and skins which fall under HS codes 410411 and 410419 from May 25 until November 25, 2015. The decree states that the measure is introduced in accordance with the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, which allows for the introduction of temporary unilateral export bans or restrictions in exceptional cases.

According to the Government [release](#), the measure should help ensure a stable supply of raw materials for domestic leather and footwear producers, as well as for state defense needs. The new measure comes on the heels of a similar 6-month export ban on the same items, which expired on April 1, 2015. According to Russia's Ministry of Industry and Trade, the expired measure was beneficial for the domestic leather and related industries, resulting in increased production volumes and deeper domestic processing in early 2015.

An unofficial English translation of the aforementioned decree can be found below.

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GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

DECREE

Of April 2015 No. 378

Moscow

**On the Introduction of a Temporary Ban
on the Export of Semi-Finished Leather
from the Russian Federation**

Pursuant to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014 (Annex No. 7) the Government of the Russian Federation **decrees:**

1. To establish from May 25, 2015, until November 25, 2015, a temporary ban on the export from the Russian Federation of goods that are essential for the internal market of the Russian Federation and which in exceptional cases can be subject to temporary export restrictions or bans, under the codes of 4104 11 and 4104 19 of the Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Eurasian Economic Union.

2. The Ministry of Economic Development of the Russian Federation shall in accordance with the established procedure:

notify the Eurasian Economic Commission of the introduction of the ban specified in item 1 of the present decree;

introduce a proposal for the consideration of the Eurasian Economic Commission on the introduction of a temporary ban on the export of goods specified in item 1 of the present decree, on the customs territory of the Customs Union.

3. The Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Russian Federation shall ensure quarterly monitoring of the implementation of the present decree.

Chairman of the Government D. Medvedev
of the Russian Federation

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