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Wheat Export Duty Lifted

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Report Highlights:

The Russian Government lifted duties on wheat exports beginning May 15, 2015, and expects that Russia may export an additional 1 million metric tons of wheat by the end of MY 2014/15. An export duty on wheat in the amount of 15 percent of customs value plus 7.5 Euro, but not less than 35 Euro per 1 metric ton (MT) was in force since February 1, 2015.

General Information:

On May 15, 2015, the Russian Government lifted duties on wheat exports with Government Resolution No. 467, "On Amending Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 754 dated August 30, 2013, and on the annulment of the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1495 of December 25, 2014". According to this resolution, export duties on wheat, which were in force beginning February 1, 2015, are lifted beginning May 15, 2015. The link to the document can be found here: <http://government.ru/docs/18129/>. Unofficial translation of the Resolution is below.

Background

Wheat exports were subject to an export duty in the amount of 15 percent of customs value, plus 7.5 Euro, but not less than 35 Euro per 1 metric ton (MT) beginning February 1, 2015 (Gain Report [Russian Government Introduces Export Tariffs for Wheat 12-29-2014.pdf](#)). According to Russian Customs, wheat exports dropped from 2.04 million metric tons (MMT) in January 2015 to 0.45 MMT in February 2015. Total wheat exports from July 1, 2014 through the end of April 2015 are estimated by the Ministry of Agriculture at 19.95 MMT. However, only 1.5 MMT of this amount were exported from February 1, 2015 through end of April 2015. By comparison, in MY 2013/14, Russia exported 3.6 MMT in the same period (February through April 2014). Meanwhile, domestic stocks of wheat in Russia remain high, and a good forecast for the 2015 winter wheat crop have pushed domestic wheat prices down.

According to the press-service of the Government, the signed resolution will allow for: withdrawal of approximately 1 MMT of wheat from the domestic market through export during the period May 15, 2015 through June 30, 2015 (end of marketing year 2014/15), provide additional funds to Russian agricultural commodity producers, and will facilitate spring sowing. It is expected that the decision will prevent the oversaturation of the domestic wheat market and will stop any decrease in grain prices.

Unofficial translation:

Begin Text:

Government of the Russian Federation

Resolution No. 467 of May 15, 2015

On Amending Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 754 dated August 30, 2013, and on the annulment of the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1495 of December 25, 2014

The Government of the Russian Federation decreases:

1. In the text of rates of export customs duties on goods exported from the Russian Federation outside the member-states of the Customs Union, approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 754 dated August 30, 2013 "On approval of the rates of export customs duties on goods exported from the Russian Federation outside the member-states of the Customs Union, and on the repeal of certain acts of the Government of the Russian Federation "(Collection of Legislative Acts of the Russian Federation, 2013, No. 36, p. 4582, 2014, No. 31, p. 4421, 2015, No. 1, p. 285), positions that are classified codes TN VED TS¹ "1001 11 000 0, 1001 19 000 0, 1001 91 100 0, 1001 91 200 0, 1001 91 900 0, 1001 99 000 0," should be deleted.

¹ Customs codes of the Customs Union are close to the HS codes

2. To declare invalid the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1495 dated December 25, 2014 "On Amendments to the rates of export customs duties on goods exported from the Russian Federation outside the member-states of the Customs Union" (Collection of legislative acts of the Russian Federation, 2015 , No.1, Art. 285).

3. This Resolution applies to legal relations arising from May 15, 2015.

Prime Minister
Russian Federation
End unofficial translation.

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