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Report Highlights:

Agricultural and food products that require phytosanitary certification by Russia's quarantine and phytosanitary monitoring authorities are listed in this report, per official documents of the Russian Federation. Although the new list appears to reduce the number of processed products requiring phytosanitary certification, it also raises uncertainty as the wording of the product descriptions is vague, confusing, and lends itself to various interpretations. Lack of transparency increases the risk of corruption and problems at the border.

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Executive Summary

The updated list of agricultural and food products that require quarantine and phytosanitary certification by Russian authorities is provided in the table below. This list was approved by Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation Yevgeniy Nepoklonov, and was agreed upon with Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation Tat'yana Golendeyeva on December 11, 2006. The document is published among the "Documents" on the web-site of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation (VPSS) (http://www.mcx.ru/index.html?he_id=900&doc.id=12443).

Although the list appears to remove the phytosanitary certification requirement for some processed products, such as potato flakes, it falls well short of eliminating scientifically unjustified requirements for many other products. Furthermore, the wording of product descriptions is confusing, vague, and lends itself to various interpretations, thereby increasing the risk of corruption and problems at the border for imports. Additionally, many products are missing from the list, leaving their status unclear. For instance, the only reference to roasted coffee is for vacuum packages for retail sale, thereby providing no guidance on the requirements for bulk shipments of roasted coffee. Many other categories raise similar concerns, leaving importers and exporters in the predicament of trying to understand and receive clarification on the new regulations.

Russia's tariff code numbers and detailed product descriptions in Russian can be found at the following web address: <http://www.tks.ru>

Please note the following abbreviations for the "Required Phytosanitary Documents" column in the table below:

- IQP Import Quarantine Permit for imports of products subject to quarantine inspection;
- PC Phytosanitary Certificate of the national agency for plant protection and quarantine of the exporting country;
- QC Quarantine Certificate;
- Act Act of the Russian government quarantine phytosanitary control. This document is issued by Russian quarantine inspection officers at the border after quarantine inspection of arriving cargoes. The act states whether or not the cargo contains objects of quarantine concern.

Table 1. List of Products, by Tariff Code of the Russian Federation¹

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/ QC	Act
Commodities of High Phytosanitary Risk				
Live ticks and nematodes for scientific purposes	From 0106 90 001 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Insects, live	From 0106 90 009	Yes	Yes	Yes
Insects, dead, dried	From 0511 99 809 9	Yes	Yes	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, and rhizomes, dormant, in growth or in flower; chicory plants and roots other than roots of heading 1212	0601	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other live plants (including their roots), cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn	0602 (except 0602 90 100 0)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh	0603 10	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, dried, except for dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared	From 0603 90 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fir-tree Other Christmas trees Fir-tree branches Branches of other coniferous trees	0604 91 210 0 0604 91 290 0 0604 91 410 0 0604 91 490 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, grasses, being goods of a kind suitable for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, without further preparation	0604 91 900 0 0604 99 100 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Potatoes, fresh or chilled*	0701	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tomatoes, fresh or chilled*	0702.00.000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled*	0703	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cabbages, cauliflower, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled, including borecole *	0704	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lettuce (<i>Lactuca sativa</i>) and chicory (<i>Cichorium spp.</i>) fresh or chilled*	0705	Yes	Yes	Yes
Carrots, turnips, salad beets (salad beetroot), Salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled*	0706	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled*	0707.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled*	0708	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other vegetables, fresh or chilled*	0709	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweet corn, hybrid, for sowing	0712 90 110 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split	0713	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cassava (manioc), for human consumption, in primary packs net weight not more than 28 kg, fresh and whole, or peeled, sliced or not sliced	From 0714 10 910 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sweet potatoes or batatas, fresh, whole, for food consumption	0714 20 100 0	Yes	Yes	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Arrowroot, salep, and similar roots with high starch content, for human consumption, in primary packs net weight not more than 28 kg, fresh and whole, or peeled, sliced or not sliced	From 0714 90 110	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coconuts, brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled, except for packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0801	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled, except for packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0802	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bananas and plantains, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0803	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, or gamboge, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0804	Yes	Yes	Yes
Citrus fruit, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0805	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grapes, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0806	Yes	Yes	Yes
Melons (including watermelons) and papayas (papaws), fresh	0807	Yes	Yes	Yes
Apples, pears and quinces, fresh	0808	Yes	Yes	Yes
Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums (including prune plums) and sloes, fresh	0809	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other fruit, fresh	0810 (except 0810 60 000 0)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 0801 to 0806; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this chapter, except for packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0813	Yes	Yes	Yes
Coffee, not roasted, with or without caffeine, except for vacuum packed for retail trade	From 0901 12 000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wheat and meslin	1001	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rye	1002 00 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Barley	1003.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oats	1004.00.000.0	Yes	Yes	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Corn	1005	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rice	1006	Yes	Yes	Yes
Grain sorghum	1007.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals	1008	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wheat flour or meslin flour	1101	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cereal flours other than of wheat or meslin	1102 (except 1102 90 900 1)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cereal groats, meal and pellets (course grinding)	From 1103	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cereal grains otherwise worked (for example, hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or kibbled), except rice of heading 1006; germ of cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground	1104	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flour, meal, and powder of the dried leguminous vegetables of heading 0713	1106.10.000.0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Malt, whether or not roasted	1107	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soybeans, whether or not broken	1201.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
Peanuts (ground-nuts), not roasted or otherwise cooked, whether or not shelled or broken	1202	Yes	Yes	Yes
Copra	1203.00.000.0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flaxseed (linseed), whether or not broken	1204.00	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken	1205.00 (except 1205 10 900 0)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	1206.00 (except 1206 00 910 0)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether or not broken	1207	Yes	Yes	Yes
Flours and meals of oil seeds or oleaginous fruits, other than those of mustard	1208	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seeds, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing	1209 (except 1209 29 600 0, 1209 29 800 0 1209 91 100 0 1209 99 910 0 1209 99 990 0)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered	1211 (except 1211 30 000 0, 1211 40 000 0)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Locust beans, including seeds	1212 10	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stones and kernels of apricots, peaches (including nectarines), or plums	1213 30 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sugar beet	1212 91	Yes	Yes	Yes
Chicory roots of the variety <i>Cichorium intybus sativum</i>	From 1212 99 800 0	Yes	Yes	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Cereal straw and husks, unprepared, whether or not chopped or ground, pressed, not in the form of pellets	From 1213.00.000.0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rutabagas (swedes), mangolds, fodder roots, hay, alfalfa (lucerne), clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products, not in the form of pellets	From 1214	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted	1801.00.000.0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cocoa shells, husks, skins, and other cocoa waste	1802 00 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bran, sharps (middlings) and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals or of leguminous plants, not in the form of pellets	From 2302	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil, not in the form of pellets	From 2304.00.000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground, resulting from the extraction of peanut oil, not in the form of pellets	From 2305 00 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground, resulting from the extraction of vegetable oils and fats, except residues of headings 2304 and 2305, not in the form of pellets	From 2306 (except 2306 49 000 0)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Preparations of a kind used in animal feeding, containing 49 mas.% or more of chloride choline, on organic or non-organic bases, not in the form of pellets	From 2309 90 950 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other preparations of kind used in animal feeding, not in the form of pellets	From 2309 90 970 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Soil and earth for scientific purposes	From 2530 90 980 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Peat, including peat crumb, agglomerated or not agglomerated	2703 00 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Life phytopathogenic bacteria, viruses, only for scientific and research purposes	From 3002.90.500.0, from 3002 90 900 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Animal or vegetable fertilizers, whether or not mixed together, not chemically treated; fertilizers produced by the mixing of animal or vegetable products	From 3101.00.000.0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Firewood in the form of logs, billets, twigs, faggots or in similar types, except briquettes and pellets	From 4401 10 000	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood waste of coniferous wood species, except briquettes and pellets	From 4401 21 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood waste of hardwood species, except briquettes and pellets	From 4401 22 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Sawdust, not agglomerated, except briquettes and pellets	From 4401 30 100 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood waste in logs and scraps, except briquettes and pellets	From 4401 30 900 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, or varnishes	4403 (except 4403 10 000)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hoopwood; split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; chipwood and the like. Except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, or varnishes.	From 4404	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tree bark	From 1404 90 000 0 and from 4401 30 900 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood, not impregnated	4406.10.000.0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6mm (.236 inch) (lumber), except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, varnishes	From 4407	Yes	Yes	Yes
Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or edge-jointed, except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, varnishes	From 4409	Yes	Yes	Yes
Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, of wood; cable-drums of wood; pallets, box pallets and other load boards, of wood; pallet collars of wood, only those that are commercial batch of packing materials	From 4415	Yes	Yes	Yes
Formwork for concrete construction, except treated with paint, preservatives	From 4418 40 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Collections and collectors' pieces of zoological and botanical interest	9705 00 000 0	Yes	Yes	Yes
Commodities of low phytosanitary risk				
Flours, meals of fish, fit for human consumption, except pellets	From 0305 10 000 0	No	No	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Powder and waste from bird feathers and their parts	From 0505 90 000 0	No	No	Yes
Powder and waste from bones and corneous shrank	From 0506 90 000 0	No	No	Yes
Dried onions, whole, cut, slices, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	0712 20 000 0	No	No	Yes
Dried mushrooms	0712 31 000 0 0712 32 000 0 0712 33 000 0 0712 39 000 0	No	No	Yes
Other vegetables, vegetable mixtures, dried, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	0712 90 (except 0712 90 110 0)	No	No	Yes
Coffee roasted, not decaffeinated, in vacuum packages for retail trade	From 0901 21 000	No	No	Yes
Coffee roasted, decaffeinated, in vacuum packages for retail trade	From 0901 22 000	No	No	Yes
Coffee husks and skins	0901 90 100 0	No	No	Yes
Green tea (not fermented) in immediate packing of content not exceeding 3 kg, except packed for retail trade	From 0902 10 000	No	No	Yes
Other green tea (not fermented)	0902 20 000 0	No	No	Yes
Black tea (fermented) and partially fermented, in immediate packing of content not exceeding 3 kg, except packed for retail trade	From 0902 30 000	No	No	Yes
Other black tea (fermented) and partially fermented	0902 40 000 0	No	No	Yes
Mate, except packed for retail trade	From 0903 00 000 0	No	No	Yes
Spices, except packed for retail trade	From 0904-0910	No	No	Yes
Flour, meal, powder, flakes of potatoes	From 1105	No	No	Yes
Hop cones, not ground, not powdered, and not in pellets	1210 10 000 0	No	No	Yes
Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily for plaiting (for example, bamboos, rattans, reeds, rushes, osier, raffia), except cleaned, bleached or dyed	From 1401	No	No	Yes
Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily as stuffing or as padding (for example, kapok, vegetable hair and eel-grass), whether or not put up as a layer with or without supporting material	1402.00.000.0	No	No	Yes
Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily in brooms or in brushes (for example, broomcorn, piassava, couch grass and istle), whether or not in hanks or bundles	1403.00.000.0	No	No	Yes
Vegetable products used primarily for dyeing and tanning	1404 10 000 0	No	No	Yes
Cotton lint	1404 20 000 0	No	No	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Raw sugar, cane	1701 11 100	Yes	Yes	Yes
Raw sugar, beet	1701 12 100	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tapioca, except in pellets	From 1903 00 000 0	No	No	Yes
Spices, mixed, except packed for retail trade	From 2103 90 900 9	No	No	Yes
Protein concentrates and texturized proteins	2106 10	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fine and coarse flour of meat and meat offal, except in pellets and greaves	From 2301 10 000 0	No	No	Yes
Fine and coarse flour of fish or of crustaceans, mollusks or other water invertebrates	From 2301 20 000 0	No	No	Yes
Acorns and horse-chestnuts	From 2308 00 400 0	No	No	Yes
Protein and vitamin concentrates and protein premixes used for animal feeding	From 2309	Yes	Yes	Yes
Unmanufactured tobacco, tobacco refuse	2401	Yes	Yes	Yes
Natural sands of all kinds, whether or not colored, other than the metal bearing sands of chapter 26	2505	No	No	Yes
Pebbles, gravel, broken or crushed stones	2517 10 100 0	No	No	Yes
Henna and basma (not prepackaged for retail)	From 3203 00	No	No	Yes
Soya isolates	From 3504 00 000 0	No	No	Yes
Raw hides and skins of bovine (including buffalo) or equine animals, sheep or lambs, other raw hides and skins (fresh, or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise preserved, but not tanned, parchment-dressed or further prepared), whether or not with wool on, whether or not dehaired or split	From 4101-4103	No	No	Yes
Sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for other similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm (.236 inches), except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, varnishes, and agglutinated	From 4408	No	No	Yes
Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other coopers' products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves	4416 00 000 0	No	No	Yes
Windows, French windows and their frames, except heated, painted, varnished, preserved with anti-septic, glued	From 4418 10	No	No	Yes
Doors and their frames and thresholds, except heated, painted, varnished, preserved with anti-septic, glued	From 4418 20	No	No	Yes
Shingles and shakes	4418 50 000 0	No	No	Yes
Natural cork, raw or simply prepared	4501 10 000 0	No	No	Yes

Product Description ²	Tariff Code of the Russian Federation ³	Required Phytosanitary Documents		
		IQP	PC/QC	Act
Plaits and similar products of plaiting material, whether or not assembled into strips, except bleached, varnished, painted; mats, matting, screens from planting materials, except bleached, varnished, painted	From 4601	No	No	Yes
Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles, made directly to shape, from planting materials; articles of loofah	From 4602	No	No	Yes
Corrugated paper and paperboard, whether or not perforated, except products originating from countries where Khapra beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium Ev</i>) is spread	From 4808 10 000 0	No	No	Yes
Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard, except products originating from countries where Khapra beetle (<i>Trogoderma granarium Ev</i>) is spread	From 4819 10 000 0	No	No	Yes
Silkworm cocoons suitable for reeling	5001 00 000 0	No	No	Yes
Silk waste (including cocoons unsuitable for reeling, yarn waste and garneted stock)	5003 00 000 0	No	No	Yes
Wool, not washed, not carded or combed	5101 11 000 0	No	No	Yes
Fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed	From 5102	No	No	Yes
Waste of wool or of fine animal hair, not carbonized	5103 10 100 0	No	No	Yes
Cotton, not carded or combed	5201 00	No	No	Yes
Cotton waste	From 5202	No	No	Yes
Flax, not processed, not spun; flax tow and waste	From 5301	No	No	Yes
True hemp (<i>Cannabis sativa L.</i>), raw or soaked, not processed, not spun; tow and waste of true hemp	From 5302	No	No	Yes
Jute fibers, raw or soaked, not processed, not spun; tow and waste of jute fibers	From 5303	No	No	Yes
Coconut textile fiber, not spun, abaca (Manila hemp or <i>Musa textilis Nee</i>) raw, not spun, ramie and other vegetable textile fibers, raw, not spun; sisal fibers and other textile fiber of Agave class, raw, not spun; noils and waste of these fibers	From 5305 00 000 0	No	No	Yes

The following items are also subject to quarantine and phytosanitary inspection, although not listed in the table:

- vehicles that cross the state border of the Russian Federation;
- wood packaging material (Tariff Code 4415) used in transporting commodities, including commodities that are not listed in the above table.

Comments

This list replaces the previous list of products that require quarantine and phytosanitary certificates for importation into the Russian Federation (GAIN RS5047 *Updated List of Products Requiring Certification*). The new list of products is slightly shorter than the previous one, and excludes some processed products that were on the previous list. It is divided into two parts: commodities with high phytosanitary risk, and commodities with low phytosanitary risk. Most commodities in the second group do not require import quarantine permits or phytosanitary/health certification from the relevant plant quarantine service of the exporting country. However, even at first glance, the new list will not necessarily make importers' lives easier:

- For most commodities, tariff code numbers are specified "from..." (see endnote 3). This means that the final decision to what code group the given commodity belongs is left to the discretion of local or headquarters' quarantine authorities;
- Some processed products, like flour, groats of cereals, including those in retail packages, are listed in the high phytosanitary risk category and require all three sets of documents;
- Five groups of products of "low phytosanitary risk", including protein concentrates and textured proteins (code 2106 10), and protein and vitamin concentrates and protein premixes for animal feeding (from code 2309), must have all three sets of phytosanitary documents, not merely an "act" of Russian government quarantine phytosanitary control;
- At first glance, it appears that fewer products require phytosanitary certification than in the previous list. However, the product descriptions are written in a vague, misleading, and confusing manner, thereby decreasing transparency and increasing opportunities for corruption and problems at the border.
 - o For example, tariff code "from 0805" reads, "Citrus fruit, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package." It is unclear if bulk vacuum packed dried citrus is excluded, or if only vacuum packed dried citrus for retail trade is excluded. Furthermore, there is no indication of what requirements the excluded products face. Importers and exporters face greater uncertainty as local Russian officials may apply varying interpretations.
- Responses to inquiries to VPSS for clarification of product descriptions indicate that they are unsure themselves what the wording means, and interpretations became progressively more restrictive the higher one reached in the levels of bureaucracy.

Many products on this list also require veterinary and sanitary certificates. These requirements are stipulated in other documents developed by VPSS and Russian Customs (veterinary certificates), and the Russian Federal Service for Consumer Rights Protection and Human Well-being and Russian Customs (sanitary certificates), but these requirements are not mentioned here. Information on all import regulations and requirements for certain products can be found on the web-site www.tks.ru, and in consultations with companies that actually import these products.

Endnotes

¹ Codes of the Customs Nomenclature of the Foreign Economic Activity of the Russian Federation (Russia's Tariff Code). These codes are close, but not identical, to the US Customs' Harmonized Code Numbers.

² The product descriptions, wherever possible, follow the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States. In several cases, definitions differ between the Schedule B document and Russia's official listing. Traders should take appropriate advice from customs brokers before finalizing agreements.

³ Specification "From..." in this column means that the certification and permits' requirements are not applied to all commodities that are classified in accordance with this code. In these cases it is necessary to be guided by more detailed description of the specific commodity in the code's group.