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## Russian Federation

### Livestock and Products

## Russia Changes Legislation and Structure of Animal Improvement Industry

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**Report Highlights:**

Under the pretense of food security, Russia is taking measures to increase milk and meat production. In addition to improving general livestock husbandry, Russia has changed its legislation in the entire sphere of livestock. It created the Federal Center of Excellence for Livestock Breeding, approved programs for the development of beef and dairy cattle breeding, and a drafted a law on animal improvement.

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## Summary

The Russian government is taking measures to enhance food security for the country and to decrease its dependence on imported food products. In efforts to increase meat and dairy production, GOR has abandoned the Soviet legislation which was created in times when state property prevailed and adopted it to the current realities. The Federal Law "On Development of Agriculture" was developed and came into force on January 11, 2007, (RS7005). In this law, the development of pedigree livestock is listed as one of the top priorities. As a result, the government has issued a series of orders including: Order # 494, "Development of beef cattle breeding in Russia in 2009-2012" and Order # 495 on the "Development on dairy cattle breeding and increase of milk production in the Russian Federation in 2009-2012". The Russian Government has also issued resolutions on creation of "The Center of Excellence for livestock breeding" and a draft Law on "Pedigree Livestock Breeding" is being developed. Today, Russia has 1,200 livestock breeding farms populated with 800,000 heads of cattle.

### **Order # 494. Program of development of beef cattle breeding in Russia in 2009-2012**

On November 6, 2008, the Russian Ministry of Agriculture issued Order # 494 "Development of beef cattle breeding in Russia in 2009-2012". This order grants the beef cattle program RUR19.2 billion (\$686 mln) in federal funding for the development of beef cattle breeding and increases the number of pedigree beef cattle from 142,900 heads in 2007 to 500,000 heads in 2012 including from 66,300 cows in 2007 to 200,000 in 2012.

### **Order # 495 Program of development of dairy cattle breeding and increase of milk production in the Russian Federation in 2009-2012**

On November 6, 2008, the Russian Ministry of Agriculture has issued Order # 495 "Development of dairy cattle breeding and increase of milk production in the Russian Federation in 2009-2012". The dairy cattle program includes measures to regulate the dairy market. The program calls for allocating RUR30.5 billion (about \$1.0 billion) from the federal budget to increase annual milk production to 37 million metric tons by 2007. The plan envisages developing pedigree livestock breeding by increasing the number of registered dairy cattle to 15 percent of total dairy cattle herd and purchasing 100,000 domestic and imported heifers annually over the next four years. The plan also includes purchasing breeding bulls and supporting livestock breeding farms.

### **Edict #1146 Regarding the Creation of the Center of Excellence for Livestock Breeding**

The Russian President signed an Edict of July 30, 2008, #1146 on "The Center of Excellence for Livestock Breeding". The purpose of the Edict is to increase efficiency of livestock husbandry, to preserve and develop scientific and production potential of livestock breeding and artificial insemination facilities, and to increase the food security of Russia.

On November 5, 2008, consistent with Edict #1146, Russia issued an Instruction #1606-P which consolidates 22 breeding farms into one state managed entity, "The Center of Excellence". The Instruction also orders, that the Ministry of Economic Development include the Center of Excellence for Livestock Breeding into the List of Strategic Plants and Strategic Share Holding Companies.

The main goal of the new organization is to form highly productive cattle herds and improve livestock genetics. It also hopes to develop and introduce up-to-date technologies in livestock breeding and artificial insemination. The center will not only trade semen, but will

also provide all services for breeding farms. Vasily Shapochkin, Director of Department of livestock breeding and animal improvement, of the Russian Ministry of Agriculture said that the center would focus on promoting the best domestic genetics. Today, Russia has 1,200 livestock breeding farms, populated with 800,000 heads of cattle.