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Report Highlights:

On December 17, 2019, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the Unified EAEU Veterinary Requirements and respective Unified EAEU forms of veterinary certificates via G/SPS/N/RUS/176. The notified measure should bring some EAEU requirements for bovine semen, sheep and goats, and pork in line with the Codex recommendations. This report contains an unofficial translation of the notified document. The public comment period for the draft will close on February 15, 2020. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by February 3, 2020.

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union¹ (EAEU), published the following draft documents on its website:

- [On Amending the Unified Veterinary \(Veterinary and Sanitary\) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\)](#)
- [On Amending Forms of the Unified Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Commission from Third Countries](#)

On December 17, 2019, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft documents via [G/SPS/N/RUS/172](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on February 15, 2020. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by February 3, 2020.

According to the notification, the drafts lift certain requirements on imports of bovine semen, sheep and goats and pork meat into the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union. In particular, the proposed measure would allow collection of bovine semen from bulls vaccinated for bovine viral diarrhoea, cancel the required testing for adenomatosis for sheep and goats, and delete the attestation of freedom from porcine reproductive and respiratory syndrome on the premises. The EAEU explanatory note for the drafts stresses the measure is necessary in order to bring the EAEU veterinary requirements in line with the Codex recommendations. Please find below an unofficial English translation of the proposed measure.

¹ For details, please see 2016 GAIN report *Eurasian Economic Union One Year On* at <https://gain.fas.usda.gov>.

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
COLLEGIUM**

DECISION

_____ 20____ No. _____ city

**On Amending the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods
Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)**

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 58 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and paragraph 22 of Annex No. 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 98 of December 23, 2014, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To amend the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance), approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, in accordance with the attachment.

2. The present Decision shall come into effect after 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium
Of the Eurasian Economic Commission

T. Sargsyan

ATTACHMENT
to Decision of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. ____ dated _____ 2020

AMENDMENTS

to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements
for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)

1. In paragraph twelve of Chapter 2:
after the words “viral diarrhea” to add the following words: “(for vaccinated bulls – for the presence of the virus or viral antigen)”;
to delete the words “for bulls.”
2. In paragraph fourteen of Chapter 5 to delete the word “adenomatosis.”
3. To delete paragraph twenty six of Chapter 22.

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
COLLEGIUM**

DECISION

_____ 20____ No. _____ city

On Amending Forms of the Unified Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Commission from Third Countries

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Protocol on the application of sanitary, veterinary and sanitary and phytosanitary measures (annex No. 12 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014) and paragraph 19 of Annex No. 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 98 of December 23, 2014, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To amend the forms of the unified veterinary certificates for controlled goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Commission from third countries, approved by decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011, in accordance with the attachment.

2. To establish that the forms of veterinary certificates issued in accordance with decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011, prior to entry into force of the present decision, shall be used through December 31, 2020.

3. The present decision shall take effect after 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission

T. Sargsyan

ATTACHMENT
to Decision of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. ____ dated _____ 2020

AMENDMENTS
to Forms of the Unified Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported into the Customs
Territory of the Eurasian Economic Commission from Third Countries

1. In sub-paragraph 4.5 of the form No. 2:
after the words “viral diarrhea” to add the following words: “(for vaccinated bulls – for the presence of the virus or viral antigen)”;
to delete paragraph thirteen.

2. In sub-paragraph 4.5 of the form No. 5 to delete paragraph eleven.
3. In sub-paragraph 4.3 of the form No. 23 to delete paragraph nine.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.