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Report Highlights:

On January 9, 2020, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the unified veterinary requirements of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) via G/SPS/N/RUS/175. The proposed measure removes many (but not all) exceptions from the uniform EAEU veterinary requirements currently enjoyed by Belarus regarding the use of veterinary measures for low risk products. The public comment period for the draft will close on March 9, 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 24, 2020. This report contains an unofficial translation of the proposed measure.

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 document on its website:

- [On Amending the Unified Veterinary \(Veterinary and Sanitary\) Requirements to Goods that are Subject to Veterinary Control \(Supervision\)](#)

On January 9, 2020, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft document via [G/SPS/N/RUS/175](#). The public comment period for the draft will close on March 9, 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 24, 2020.

The proposed measure removes many (but not all) exceptions from the uniform EAEU veterinary requirements currently enjoyed by Belarus regarding the use of veterinary measures for low risk products. In particular, in line with the uniform EAEU veterinary requirements, Belarus will no longer require an import permit for such goods as natural honey (EAEU HS code 0409 00 000 0), propolis (1301 90 000 0), various fats and oils (from EAEU HS headings and subheadings 1502, 1503 00, 1504, 1505 00, and 1518 00), as well as various products from the EAEU HS subheadings 1902 20 and 1904 20, Chapter 20, and heading 2104. In line with the measures, currently applied by all other EAEU members, Belarus will also require the use of a veterinary certificate for such goods as feed additives (from a number of EAEU HS headings between 1518 and 3824), animal feeds (from 2309), and animal or vegetable fertilizers (from 3101 00 000 0), only when such goods contain components of animal origin.

An unofficial English translation of the proposed amendments can be found below. The current version of the Unified EAEU Veterinary Requirements is available here [in Russian](#) and [translated into English](#) via automated translation.

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 _____ 20__

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

1. The first paragraph in the section “General Provisions” should read as follows:
“The controlled goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union shall be subject to veterinary measures specified in the List according to Annex No.1.
2. In Annex No. 1:
 - a) Section “I. Measures Applicable until Accession of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the World Trade Organization” shall be deleted.
 - b) item 36 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - c) item 59 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - d) item 61 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - e) item 62 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - f) item 63 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - g) item 64 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - h) item 68 in column 5 shall read as follows: “The measure shall apply to goods specified in this item, except vegetable fats;”
 - i) item 68-1 in column 4 shall read as follows: “Veterinary certificate (when declared for veterinary use, including for animal feed, except for goods not containing components of animal origin);”
 - j) item 75 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - k) item 76 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - l) item 77 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - m) item 79 in column 5 shall read as follows: “No;”
 - n) item 88 in column 4 shall read as follows: “Veterinary certificate – for goods containing components of animal origin;”
 - o) item 90 in column 5 shall read as follows: “The measure shall apply to unregistered goods imported from third countries;”
 - p) item 91 in column 4 shall read as follows: “Veterinary certificate – for goods containing components of animal origin;”
 - q) item 97 in column 5 shall read as follows: “The measure shall apply to unregistered goods imported from third countries;”

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Attachments:

No Attachments.