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**Report Highlights:**

On February 3, 2020, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the EAEU requirements for imported honeybees and the corresponding form of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate via G/SPS/N/RUS/177 to include import requirements for crickets, entomophagous insects and other insects. The public comment period for both drafts will close on April 3, 2020. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point ([us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov](mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov)). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by March 20, 2020.

## General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union<sup>1</sup> (EAEU), published the following draft documents on its website:

- [On Amending Chapter 18 of the Unified Veterinary \(Veterinary and Sanitary\) Requirements to Goods that are Subject to Veterinary Control \(Supervision\)](#)
- [On Amending the Form of the Veterinary Certificate for Honeybees, Bumblebees and Cocoons of Alfalfa Leafcutter Bees, Exported to the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union](#)

On February 3, 2020, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft documents via [G/SPS/N/RUS/177](#). 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](mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov)). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by March 20, 2020.

The proposed measures would introduce amendments to Chapter 18 of the Unified EAEU veterinary requirements and form No. 18 of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate, which both currently cover imported honeybees, bumblebees and cocoons of alfalfa leafcutter bees, to include import requirements for crickets, entomophagous insects and other insects.

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. The current version of the form No. 18 of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate is available here [in Russian](#) and [translated into English](#) via automated translation.

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<sup>1</sup> 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 Chapter 18 of 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 Chapter 18 of 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, as follows:

a) to supplement the title with the following words: “, crickets, entomophagous insects and other insects”;

b) to supplement the first paragraph after the words “of alfalfa leaf cutter bees” with the following words: “, crickets, entomophagous insects and other insects and their larvae”;

c) after the second paragraph to supplement with the following paragraph:

“acarapidosis, American foulbrood, tropilaelapsosis, small hive beetle *Aethina tumida*, European foulbrood, nosematosis, varroatosis (presence of mite forms resistant to acaricides), locustacarusis, crithidiosis, aspergillois, spherulariosis, acute viral paralysis, Kashmir virus, entopox virus, and in the absence of mites developing in the premises for breeding, as well as mellithobia, braconids, dried fruit moth (*Vitula edmandsae*), gregarinosis, spiroplasmosis, miosis (cenotainiosis) common for bumblebees and bees, ascospherosis - for crickets, entomophagous insects and other insects during the last 24 months in the administrative territory in accordance with regionalization or on the premises;”

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

**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
COLLEGIUM**

**DECISION**

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**On Amending the Form of the Unified Veterinary Certificate for Honeybees, Bumblebees and  
Cocoons of Alfalfa Leafcutter Bees Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian  
Economic Union**

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 form of the unified veterinary certificate for honeybees, bumblebees and cocoons of alfalfa leafcutter bees imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, envisaged by decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011, as follows:

a) to supplement the name of the certificate with the following words: “, crickets, entomophagous insects and other insects”;

b) item 4.1 after the first paragraph to supplement with the following paragraph:

“Healthy crickets, entomophagous insects and other insects, exported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, originate from disease-free farms and administrative territories that are free from acarapodosis, American foulbrood, tropilaelapsosis, small hive beetle *Aethina tumida*, European foulbrood, nosematosis, varroatosis (presence of mite forms resistant to acaricides), locustacarosis, crithidiosis, aspergillosis, spherulariosis, acute viral paralysis, Kashmir virus, entopox virus, and in the absence of mites developing in the premises for breeding, as well as mellithobia, braconids, dried fruit moth (*Vitula edmandsae*), gregarinosis, spiroplasmosis, miosis (cenotainiosis) common for bumblebees and bees, ascospherosis during the last 24 months in the administrative territory in accordance with regionalization or on the premises;”

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

Chairman of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission

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**Attachments:**

No Attachments.