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**Report Name:** EAEU Allows Temporary Duty-Free Imports of Critical Foods

**Country:** Russian Federation

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**Report Highlights:**

On April 3, 2020, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), issued EEC Council Decision No. 33, introducing a temporary exemption from import duties for critical food products, such as potatoes, onions, garlic, cabbages, rice, rye, buckwheat, etc., as part of the EAEU coronavirus pandemic response. The measure, which comes into effect on April 18, 2020, will apply to products imported as of April 1, 2020, and last through June 30, 2020. This report contains an unofficial English translation of the measure.

## General Information

On April 3, 2020, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union<sup>1</sup> (EAEU), issued EEC Council Decision No. 33 ([in Russian](#)) introducing a temporary exemption from import duties for critical food products, such as potatoes, onions, garlic, cabbages, rice, rye, buckwheat, etc. The measure will come into effect on April 18, 2020, apply to products imported as of April 1, 2020, and last through June 30, 2020.

The measure, introduced as part of the EAEU coronavirus pandemic response, follows shortly an earlier EAEU decision to ban exports of some food products. For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-013 Temporary EAEU Export Ban on Some Food Items](#). As a result, the following food items are now both exempt from the EAEU import duties and banned for export from the EAEU:

Item Name	EAEU HS Code
Onions	0703 10 110 0
	0703 10 190 0
Garlic	0703 20 000 0
Rye	1002
Long-grain Rice*	1006 10 250 0,
	1006 10 270 0,
	1006 10 960 0,
	1006 10 980 0,
	1006 20 150 0,
	1006 20 170 0,
	1006 20 960 0,
	1006 20 980 0,
	1006 30 250 0,
	1006 30 270 0,
	1006 30 460 0,
	1006 30 480 0,
	1006 30 650 0,
	1006 30 670 9,
1006 30 960 0,	
1006 30 980 9	
Buckwheat	1008 10 000 0
Buckwheat groats	from 1103 19 900 9,
	from 1104 29 300 0,
	from 1904 90 800 0

\* Except for rice originating from the Republic of Kazakhstan

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

An unofficial English translation of the EEC Council Decision No. 33 of April 3, 2020 can be found below. The current version of the Customs Union Commission Decisions No. 130 of November 27, 2009, and No. 728 of July 15, 2011 are available here in Russian: [No. 130](#) and [No. 728](#); and translated into English via automated translation: [No. 130](#) and [No. 728](#).

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
COUNCIL**

**DECISION**

April 03, 2020

No. 33

Moscow

**On Amending Some Decisions of the Customs Union Commission and on Approving the List of Goods of Critical Imports**

In accordance with Articles 43 and 45 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, paragraphs 16 and 18 of Regulation on the Eurasian Economic Commission (Annex No. 1 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014), paragraphs 7 and 16 of the Attachment No. 1 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 Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. Item 7 of Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 130 of November 27, 2009 “On the Unified Customs-Tariff Regulation in the Eurasian Economic Union” shall be supplemented with item 7.1.33 as follows:

“7.1.33. Goods imported into the customs territory of the Union, included in the list of critical imports, approved by Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 33 of April 3, 2020.

The specified exemption is granted subject to registration of a declaration of goods for their placement under the customs procedure for release for domestic consumption through June 30, 2020”.

2. In item 15 of the Procedure for the application of exemption from customs duties when importing certain categories of goods into the unified customs territory of the Customs Union, approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 728 of July 15, 2011, the numbers “7.1.32” shall be replaced with the numbers “7.1.33”.

3. To approve the attached list of good of critical imports.

4. The Present Decision shall take effect after 10 calendar days from the date of its official publication and apply to operations as of April 1, 2020.

**Members of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission:**

**From the Republic  
of Armenia**

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of Belarus**

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APPROVED  
by Decision of the Council  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission  
No. 33 of April 3, 2020

**LIST  
of goods of critical imports**

EAEU HS Code	Name of Goods
0701 90	Potatoes
0703 10	Onions and shallots
0703 20 000 0	Garlic
0704 90 100 1	Cabbages
0706 10 000 1	Carrots
0709 60 100, 0710 80 510 0	Peppers
1002	Rye
1006 10 250 0, 1006 10 270 0, 1006 10 960 0, 1006 10 980 0, 1006 20 150 0, 1006 20 170 0, 1006 20 960 0, 1006 20 980 0, 1006 30 250 0, 1006 30 270 0, 1006 30 460 0, 1006 30 480 0, 1006 30 650 0, 1006 30 670 9, 1006 30 960 0, 1006 30 980 9	Long-grain Rice
1008 10 000	Buckwheat
from 1103 19 900 9, from 1104 29 300 0, from 1904 90 800 0	Buckwheat groats
1901 10 000 0	Prepared food products intended for young children
from 1901 90 990 0	Base for the production of breast milk substitutes

EAEU HS Code	Name of Goods
2009 12 000 1, 2009 41 920 1, 2009 50 100 1, 2009 61 100 2, 2009 71 200 1, 2009 90 390 1, 2009 90 410 2, 2009 90 510 2	Juices
3004 10 000 4, 3004 10 000 5, 3004 10 000 7, 3004 10 000 8, 3004 20 000 1, 3004 20 000 2, 3004 20 000 9, 3004 39 000 1, 3004 39 000 9, 3004 50 000 1, 3004 50 000 2, 3004 60 000 0, 3004 90 000 2, 3004 90 000 9	Medicines
from 3926 90 970 9	Disposable sterile Pasteur pipettes
from 8705 90 800 5, from 8705 90 800 9	Komarov's mobile disinfection unit (DUK)
9018 90 200 0	Endoscopes
9025 19 200 0	Thermometers and pyrometers, not integrated with other devices, electronic

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Note. For the purposes of the present List it is necessary to be guided by the EAEU HS Code, except for buckwheat, base for the production of breast milk substitutes, disposable sterile Pasteur pipettes and Komarov's mobile disinfection unit (DUK), for which one should be guided by both the EAEU HS code and the name.

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**Attachments:**

No Attachments.