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**Report Highlights:**

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## General Information:

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The documents below are hyperlinked via automated translation services for readers seeking further details. Select “refresh” on your browser if the page does not translate to the end.

As noted herein, Russia and other EAEU Member States notified some of the SPS/TBT measures covered in this report to the World Trade Organization (WTO).

### SPS/TBT MEASURES PUBLISHED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

**Publication Date: December 12, 2019**

1. **Phytosanitary Measures:** Draft decision of the EEC Collegium “On Amending the Laboratory Procedure for Quarantine Phytosanitary Measures” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS2020-0002 Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Lab Procedure Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** Russia and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via [G/SPS/N/RUS/173](#) of January 8, 2020, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/49](#) of February 17, 2020, respectively. The proposed measure clarifies the term “sample” and adds provisions on the storage and return of samples to the owner. For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0002 Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Lab Procedure Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the draft closed on February 23, 2020. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

2. **Phytosanitary Measures:** On Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission “On Amending the List of Quarantine Products (Quarantine Cargo, Quarantine Materials, Quarantine Goods) that are Subject to Quarantine Phytosanitary Control at the Customs Border of the Eurasian Economic Union and in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union” – original in Russian [here](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS2020-0004 Draft Amendments to List of Quarantine Products Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** Russia and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via [G/SPS/N/RUS/174](#) of January 9, 2020, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/50](#) of February 17, 2020, respectively. The proposed measure adds toys containing seeds and (or soil) to the list and excludes feed products not containing organic substances from the list of quarantine products.

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<sup>1</sup> For details, please see GAIN report [RS1611 Eurasian Economic Union One Year On](#).

For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0004 Draft Amendments to List of Quarantine Products Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the draft closed on March 9, 2020. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

**Publication Date: December 16, 2019**

- 3. Veterinary Requirements and Certificates:** Draft decisions “On Amending the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” and “On Amending Forms of the Unified Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Commission from Third Countries” – originals in Russian [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. For English, please see GAIN report [RS2020-0001 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** Russia and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the drafts via [G/SPS/N/RUS/172](#) of December 17, 2019, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/54](#) of February 24, 2020, respectively. The drafts would lift a number of requirements on imports of bovine semen, sheep and goats and pork meat into the territory of the Eurasian Economic Union. For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0001 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the drafts closed on February 14, 2020. As of the date of this report, the drafts have not yet been adopted by the EEC.

**Publication Date: December 18, 2019**

- 4. Technical Regulation:** Draft decision “On Amendment No. 2 to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “Technical Regulation on Fat and Oil Products” (TR TS 024/2011)” – original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS2020-0007 Draft TBT Measure on Fat and Oil Products Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** On January 7, 2020, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft amendments via [G/TBT/N/RUS/93](#). The draft measure aims to clarify certain provisions of the TR on the production, storage, transportation and processing of fat and oil products, as well as bring it into compliance with the current EAEU labeling requirements. For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0007 Draft TBT Measure on Fat and Oil Products Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the draft closed on April 25, 2020. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

**Publication Date: December 27, 2019**

- 5. Veterinary Requirements:** Draft decision “[On Amending the Unified Veterinary \(Veterinary and Sanitary\) Requirements to Goods that are Subject to Veterinary Control \(Supervision\)](#)” - original in [Russian](#). For English, please see GAIN report [RS2020-0006 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** Russia, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via [G/SPS/N/RUS/175](#) of January 9, 2020, [G/SPS/N/KGZ/10](#) of February 3, 2020, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/51](#) of February 17, 2020, respectively. 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. For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0006 Draft Amendments to Veterinary Requirements Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the drafts closed on March 9, 2020. As of the date of this report, the drafts have not yet been adopted by the EEC.

**Publication Date: January 30, 2020**

6. **Veterinary Requirements and Certificates:** Draft decisions “On Amending Chapter 18 of the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements to Goods that are Subject to Veterinary Control (Supervision)” and “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”– originals in Russian [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. For English, please see GAIN report [RS2020-0008 Draft SPS Measure on Insects Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** Russia and Kazakhstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the drafts via [G/SPS/N/RUS/177](#) of February 3, 2020, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/53](#) of February 24, 2020, respectively. 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. For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0008 Draft SPS Measure on Insects Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the drafts closed on April 3, 2020. As of the date of this report, the drafts have not yet been adopted by the EEC.

**Publication Date: February 14, 2020**

7. **Veterinary Requirements and Certificates:** Draft decisions “On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance)” and “On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011”– originals in Russian [here](#) and [here](#), respectively. For English, please see GAIN report [RS2020-0010 Draft SPS Measure on Gastropods Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the drafts via [G/SPS/N/RUS/180](#) of February 21, 2020. The notified documents would introduce a new Chapter 47 with the veterinary requirements for gastropod mollusks imported into the EAEU and a new form No. 48 of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate for imported gastropod mollusks. For details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0010 Draft SPS Measure on Gastropods Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the drafts closed on April 21, 2020. As of the date of this report, the drafts have not yet been adopted by the EEC.

**Publication Date: March 5, 2020**

8. **Phytosanitary Measures:** Draft decision “On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 318 of June 18, 2010 “On Ensuring Plant Quarantine in the Eurasian Economic

Union” – original in Russian [here](#). For English, please see GAIN report [KG2020-0004 Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Regulations Notified to WTO](#).

**Summary:** Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the draft via [G/SPS/N/KGZ/12](#) of March 18, 2020, and [G/SPS/N/KAZ/68](#) of April 23, 2020, respectively. According to the notification, the draft provides for supplementing decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 318 of June 18, 2010 “On Ensuring Plant Quarantine in the Eurasian Economic Union” with provisions allowing designated officials of the authorized plant quarantine bodies of the EAEU Member States to recognize phytosanitary certificates as not confirming the necessary phytosanitary condition of imported regulated products. The draft also grants authority to the authorized body to return wood packaging materials if a special marking sign of an international standard confirming that the wood packaging materials have been treated by heating throughout the thickness of wood or fumigation is missing, or wood packaging materials do not comply with the Unified EAEU Quarantine Phytosanitary Requirements. For details please see GAIN report [KG2020-0004 Draft Amendments to Phytosanitary Regulations Notified to WTO](#). The public comment period for the draft closed on May 17, 2020. As of the date of this report, the draft has not yet been adopted by the EEC.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL**  
**August 8, 2019**

**Publication Date: January 13, 2020**

**[EEC Council Decision No. 115](#)**. *On Amending Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Safety” (TR TS 021/2011)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The document contains numerous amendments to the CU TR “On Food Safety,” including clarification of certain food safety requirements for unprocessed food raw materials of animal origin, as well as flour and cereals and bakery products. The document also amends MRLs for antibiotics, adjusts some food products descriptions in accordance with the other adopted CU TRs, and corrects some technical mistakes. The decision will come into force as of July 7, 2020. As a draft, Russia notified the measure to the WTO via [G/TBT/N/RUS/21](#) in May 2013. For details, please see GAIN report [RS1328 Draft Amendments to CU Technical Regulation on Food Safety](#).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL**  
**December 19, 2019**

**Publication Date: January 23, 2020**

**[EEC Council Decision No. 118](#)**. *On Amending Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products” (TR CU 033/2013)* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision grants an exemption to the Republic of Kazakhstan from the aerobic mesophilic and facultative anaerobes count standard of the CU TR on Milk and Dairy Products for raw milk through 2024. Dairy products produced from such exempted milk should be

consumed in the Republic of Kazakhstan and should not be exported to the other EAEU Member States. The document also specifies that Kazakhstan should upgrade its dairy industry by January 1, 2025 in order to ensure full compliance of its products with the requirements CU TR on Milk and Dairy Products.

**Publication Date: April 14, 2020**

**EEC Council Order No. 46.** *On Draft Protocol Amending the Protocol on the Terms and Transitional Provisions for the Application by the Kyrgyz Republic of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, Certain International Agreements in the Legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union, and Acts of the Eurasian Economic Union Bodies in Connection with Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, signed on May 8, 2015, and the Protocol Amending the Treaty on Accession of the Republic of Armenia to Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, signed on October 10, 2014 - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The order amended schedules of temporary EAEU import tariff exemptions for Armenia and Kyrgyzstan. In particular, both Armenia and Kyrgyzstan were allowed to defer their scheduled tariff increases for agricultural items from 2020 to 2021. The document is pending ratification by the EAEU Member States and is in effect provisionally as of the day of its publication, April 14, 2020.

#### **MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL January 30, 2020**

**Publication Date: February 21, 2020**

**EEC Council Decision No. 10.** *On the Unified Methods for Determining Varietal Characteristics of Agricultural Plants in the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Union - original in [Russian](#).*

**Summary:** The decision approves methods of field evaluation, control and approval of seeds as required by the Agreement on the Circulation of Seeds of Agricultural Plants within the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Union signed in November 2017. The document establishes uniform requirements for evaluation of varietal qualities of seeds in the EAEU Member States, identification of seeds of agricultural plants, assessment of varietal purity of batches of seeds at various stages of seed production. The document is used during soil control and varietal identification of such crops as grains, legumes, oilseeds, vegetables, melons, medicinal crops and potatoes to determine their suitability for seed purposes.

**EEC Council Decision No. 16.** *On Establishing the Rate of Import Tariff of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect of Surimi of Certain Kinds of Fish and Amending the List of Goods, which in Accordance with the Commitments of the Republic of Kazakhstan as Part of its Accession to the World Trade Organization shall be Subject to Import Customs Duty Rates that are Lower than the Rates of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union, and the Rates of Such Duties - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision temporarily reduced the import tariff on frozen surimi (EAEU HS code 0304 95 100 0) from 5 percent to zero from the date of its entry into force (March 26, 2020) through April 30, 2023. This is not the first tariff reduction for this item as temporary zero tariff has been intermittently set for this item since late 2016.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL  
April 3, 2020**

**Publication Date: April 8, 2020**

**[EEC Council Decision No. 33.](#)** *On Amending Some Decisions of the Customs Union Commission and on Approving the List of Goods of Critical Imports* - original in [Russian](#).

**Summary:** The decision introduced a temporary exemption from import duties for critical food products, such as potatoes, onions, garlic, cabbages, rice, rye, buckwheat, etc. The measure, which came into effect on April 18, 2020, applies to products imported as of April 1, 2020, and will be in effect through June 30, 2020. For additional details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0019 EAEU Allows Temporary Duty-Free Imports of Critical Foods](#).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM  
December 10, 2019**

**Publication Date: December 11, 2019**

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 219](#)** *On the Program for Development (Amendments, Revision) of Interstate Standards Containing the Rules and Methods of Examination (Testing) and Measurement, Including the Rules for Selection of Samples Required for Application and Meeting of the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Certain Types of Specialized Food Products, Including Dietary Therapeutic and Dietary Prophylactic Nutrition” (TR TS 027/2012) and Carrying out Assessment of Compliance of the Regulated Products* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision approves an updated version of the respective program, which contains a total 48 standards to be developed by 2021. The previous program was adopted in 2014.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM  
December 24, 2019**

**Publication Date: December 27, 2019**

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 236.](#)** *On the List of International and Regional (Interstate,) and in Case of their Absence – of the National (State) Standards, the Voluntary Application of which Ensures Implementation of the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Safety” (TR TS 021/2011), and the List of International and Regional (Interstate,) and in Case of their Absence – of the National (State) Standards Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the*

*Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Safety” (TR TS 021/2011) and Carrying out Assessment of Compliance of the Regulated Products - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision approves an updated version of the stated lists of standards containing 610 and 638 items, respectively, to come into force as of July 1, 2020. For details on the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Safety” (TR TS 021/2011) please see GAIN report [RS1233 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Food Safety](#).

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 237](#).** *On Amending Chapter 33 of the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance) - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision relaxed the EAEU requirements for anthrax testing and simplified requirements for curing (preservation) of the respective animal origin materials. As a draft, the document was notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) by Kazakhstan and Russia via [G/SPS/N/KAZ/38](#) of May 8, 2019, and [G/SPS/N/RUS/163](#) of June 17, 2019, respectively. For details please see GAIN report [KZ1904 Draft SPS Measure on Hides and Skins Notified to WTO](#).

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 238](#).** *On Amending the Form of the Veterinary Certificate on Hides, Horn and Hoof, Intestinal, Fur, Sheep Pelt and Lambskin Raw Materials, Wool and Goat Fluff, Bristle, Horse Hair, Down and Feather of Chicken, Duck, Goose and Other Poultry, Exported to the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision amended the corresponding unified EAEU veterinary certificate form No. 32 to relax the EAEU requirements for anthrax testing and simplify requirements for curing (preservation) of the respective animal origin materials. As a draft, the document was notified to the World Trade Organization (WTO) by Kazakhstan and Russia via [G/SPS/N/KAZ/38](#) of May 8, 2019, and [G/SPS/N/RUS/163](#) of June 17, 2019, respectively. For details please see GAIN report [KZ1904 Draft SPS Measure on Hides and Skins Notified to WTO](#).

## MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM January 20, 2020

**Publication Date: January 22, 2020**

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 12](#)** *On the List of International and Regional (Interstate,) and in Case of their Absence – of the National (State) Standards, the Voluntary Application of which Ensures Implementation of the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011), and the List of International and Regional (Interstate,) and in Case of their Absence – of the National (State) Standards Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011) and Carrying out Assessment of Compliance of the Regulated Products - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision approves an updated version of the stated lists of standards containing 178 and 297 items, respectively, to come into force as of July 1, 2020. For details on the



Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011) please see GAIN report [RS1253 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Safety of Packaging](#).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**January 28, 2020**

**Publication Date: January 30, 2020**

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 19](#)** *On the List of International and Regional (Interstate,) and in Case of their Absence – of the National (State) Standards, the Voluntary Application of which Ensures Implementation of the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “Technical Regulation for Juice Products from Fruits and Vegetables” (TR TS 023/2011), and the List of International and Regional (Interstate,) and in Case of their Absence – of the National (State) Standards Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “Technical Regulation for Juice Products from Fruits and Vegetables” (TR TS 023/2011) and Carrying out Assessment of Compliance of the Regulated Products - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision approves an updated version of the stated lists of standards containing 16 and 179 items, respectively, to come into force as of January 1, 2021. For details on the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “Technical Regulation for Juice Products from Fruits and Vegetables” (TR TS 023/2011) please see GAIN report [RS1334 Customs Union Technical Regulation on Juice](#).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**February 3, 2020**

**Publication Date: February 6, 2020**

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 23](#)** *On Establishing Rates of Import Tariff of the Unified Customs Tariff of the Eurasian Economic Union in Respect Certain Types of Mollusks and Krill Meat - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The decision temporarily reduces the EAEU import tariff on mollusks and krill meat items under the EAEU HS codes 0307 43 380 0, 0307 43 900 0, 0307 52 900 0, 1605 40 000 1 and 1605 53 900 0, to zero percent from March 26, 2020, through March 31, 2023. Regular EAEU import tariff rates for these items range from 5 to 8 percent. This is a second temporary zero import tariff period for all of the items above following the first reduction that was in effect between November 2017 and December 2019.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM**  
**February 26, 2020**

**Publication Date: March 2, 2020**

**[EEC Collegium Recommendation No. 4](#)** *On Methodological Guidelines for Establishment and Justification of Hygienic Standards for the Content of Chemical Impurities and Biological Agents in Food by the Criteria of Risk to Human Health - original in [Russian](#)*

**Summary:** The document recommends that EAEU Member States use the stated Guidelines that are published on the EAEU website ([in Russian](#)) when developing new MRLs for chemical impurities and biological agents in food.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM  
March 17, 2020**

**Publication Date:** March 23, 2020

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 40.](#)** *On Approval to Extend the Period of the State Regulation of Prices for White Granulated Sugar* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision was taken in response to a request from the Republic of Belarus for the stated approval following the introduction of the state regulation of prices for white granulated sugar by Belarus as of January 1, 2020. The EAEU granted an extension of such state regulation of prices for white granulated sugar in Belarus through December 31, 2020.

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM  
March 31, 2020**

**Publication Date:** April 2, 2020

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 42.](#)** *On Amending the List of Goods that are of Critical Importance for the Domestic Market of the Eurasian Economic Union, and for which in Exceptional Cases Temporary Export Bans or Quantitative Restrictions may be Introduced* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision is part of the EAEU coronavirus pandemic response and it adds set onion, onions, garlic, turnip and prepared food products from buckwheat to the respective list of products, for which the EAEU may impose export bans in the future.

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 43.](#)** *On Amending Decision of the Eurasian Economic Commission Collegium No. 30 of April 21, 2015 "On Non-Tariff Regulation"* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision introduced a ban on exports from the EAEU of a number of food products, most notably sunflower seeds and soybeans. The export ban came into effect on April 12, 2020, and will last through June 30, 2020. The measure was also introduced as part of the EAEU coronavirus pandemic response. For additional details please see GAIN report [RS2020-0013 Temporary EAEU Export Ban on Some Food Items](#).

**MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM  
March 31, 2020**

**Publication Date:** April 2, 2020

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 57.](#)** *On Amending Section 1.11 of the List of Goods that are Banned for Import into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) Banned for Export from the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision excludes 20,000 tons of Kazakhstani soybeans (EAEU HS code 1201) from the above ban on exports from the EAEU and adds another note to the list of banned food products specifying exemptions from the ban.

**[EEC Collegium Decision No. 58.](#)** *On Approval to Extend the Period of the State Regulation of Prices for Buckwheat* - original in [Russian](#)

**Summary:** The decision was taken in response to a request from the Republic of Belarus for the stated approval following the introduction of the state regulation of prices for buckwheat by Belarus as of November 1, 2019, and expiration of the first such EAEU approval on April 28, 2020. The EAEU granted an extension of such state regulation of prices for buckwheat in Belarus through September 30, 2020.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.