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Report Name: Kazakhstan Extends Wheat and Wheat Flour Export Restrictions Until September 30

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Report Highlights:

On June 15, Kazakhstan extended wheat and wheat flour export restrictions until September 30. The restrictions were originally approved on April 14 under the Ministry of Agriculture's decree “Regarding export of certain goods from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan” and set to expire on June 15, 2022. The recently announced extension also added 550,000 metric tons (MT) of wheat to the original quota of 1.0 million metric tons (MMT), and 370,000 MT of wheat flour to the original quota of 300,000 MT.

Background

On April 14, the Ministry of Agriculture approved wheat and wheat flour export restrictions, valid until June 15, 2022. During these two months, the government allowed the export of up to 1.0 MMT of wheat and 300,000 MT of wheat flour. In addition, traders were required to sell 10 percent of the exported volume to the domestic market at a fixed price. The Ministry of Agriculture noted that these trade restrictions were meant to balance wheat and wheat flour exports with domestic food security needs. According to the decree, each eligible applicant could export up to 50,000 MT of wheat and 15,000 MT of wheat flour. The government decree and related documents in Russian and Kazakh languages [may be accessed here](#). For an English translation of the decree and additional comment, refer to the FAS GAIN report “[Kazakhstan Announces Wheat and Wheat Flour Export Restrictions until June 15.](#)”

Export Restrictions Extended

On June 15, [Kazakhstan announced the extension](#) of wheat and wheat flour exports until September 30. Exporters can now export up to 1,550,000 MT of wheat and 670,000 MT of wheat flour until September 30. As of June 16, [the Grain Union of Kazakhstan announced](#) that 54 percent of the original 1.0 MMT of wheat export quota, and 91 percent of the original 300,000 MT wheat flour quota, had been exported.

FAS-Nur-Sultan Comment

Wheat and wheat flour exports during April 15 to June 15 were less than the five-year historical average from which it is believed the government derived the original quota amounts of 1.0 MMT of wheat and 300,000 MT of wheat flour. Since February, the price of wheat in Kazakhstan increased from approximately \$267 (120,000 tenge) per MT to \$400 (180,000 tenge) per MT. As part of the export restriction agreement stating that applicants sell 10 percent of the exported volume domestically, the government’s Food Contracting Corporation is reportedly purchasing wheat for \$258 (116,000 tenge).

Attachments:

No Attachments.