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Report Name: Kazakhstan Implements COVID-Related Export Restrictions for Staples

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Report Highlights:

Citing concerns related to the state of emergency during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Kazakhstan has implemented restrictions of certain food products deemed strategic. Of particular note, Kazakhstan has established a monthly export quota of 200,000 metric tons (MT) for wheat grain and 70,000 MT of wheat flour.

General Information

Beginning on March 27, Kazakhstan implemented a number of export restrictions on staple food products, including some products for which Kazakhstan is an important regional supplier. In particular, wheat and wheat flour are subject to export quotas, while many vegetable and oilseed products are prohibited for export.

The Kazakhstani government has stated that the restrictions are intended to ensure adequate supply of staples for the domestic market and to stabilize the economy during the current state of emergency. Kazakhstan initially planned to ban all flour exports, while not limiting wheat grain exports. However, this was revised to the current quota system due to concerns by the Kazakhstani milling industry.

The following products face a complete export ban.

Product	Tariff Code
Buckwheat	1008.1000.09
White sugar	1701.99
Potatoes	0701
Onions, shallots, garlic	0703
Sunflower seed	1206
Sunflower oil	1512.11.910
Buckwheat grains	1103.1990.09

Additionally, Kazakhstan has limited exports of the following products.

Product	Tariff Code	April 2020 Quota Amount
Carrots, turnips, and beets	0706	TBD
Cabbages and other Brassica vegetables	0704	TBD
Wheat flour or wheat-rye flour	1101.00	70,000 MT
Wheat grain	1001	200,000 MT

The Ministry of Agriculture opened the wheat and wheat flour quota to exporters until April 4, 2020. Quota recipients will be required to sell 30 percent of the volume of their export quota on the domestic market at fixed prices. Quota amounts have not yet be established for vegetables under headings 0706 and 0704.

The complete text of the decree is available

at: https://www.gov.kz/api/v1/public/assets/2020/4/2/5b7949f018897601ba06dcf3d333add9_original_152697.pdf.

Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) Issues Additional Layer of Restrictions

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) of the EAEU additionally announced export restrictions on a number of products until June 30. Those restrictions cover many of the same products covered by the Kazakhstani restrictions, in addition to soy, buckwheat products, and rye. For additional information on the EAEU export restrictions, please see FAS Moscow GAIN Report [RS2020-0013](#).

Attachments:

No Attachments.