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Report Highlights:

On April 16, 2020, the government of the Russian Federation signed Decree # 520, which says that for the period April 20, 2020 through January 1, 2021, imports of genetically engineered (GE) soybeans and soybean meal for feed are allowed without state registration. It applies only to GE soybeans and GE soymeal whose registration has expired and must be accompanied by the Expert Conclusion from Rosselkhoznadzor that was granted when the feed was previously registered.

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On April 16, 2020, the government of the Russian Federation signed Decree # 520, which temporarily simplifies the import of soybeans and soybean meal for feed. The Decree states that for the period April 20, 2020 through January 1, 2021, imports of certain genetically engineered (GE) soybeans and soybean meal for feed are allowed without state registration. It applies only to GE soybeans and GE soybean meal whose registration in Russia has expired and must be accompanied by the Expert Conclusion from Rosselkhoznadzor (VPSS) that was granted when the feed was previously registered. (The Expert Conclusion is the certificate for registration given by VPSS).

Prior to this Decree, Government Resolution No. 770 of June 29, 2017 amended Russia’s framework of rules for the registration of GE organisms and products derived or containing such organisms. It required both GE events and products (like soybean meal) to undergo a process of state registration. However, the regulatory documents (Methodological Guidance or “MUK”) for registration of GE organisms for feeds, feed additives and veterinary drugs were not developed by July 1, 2017. Moreover, the EAEU does not have any regulatory documents that refer to registration of GE organisms for feed use. Therefore, any applications submitted after July 1, 2017 for GE line registration for feed use have been rejected by VPSS based on the lack of a MUK for registration. As a result, a total of six soybean lines’ feed registrations have expired (please refer to list below and Gain RS2019-0021 Agricultural Biotechnology Annual for more information).

Governmental resolution #520 dictates that for the period of April 20, 2020 through January 1, 2021, registration of GE soybeans and soy meal is not required, provided that the importer submits the Expert Conclusion granted by VPSS on their safety obtained earlier and registered in the past.

Soybean lines that have expired

Crop/line/event/trait	Applicant	Registration period for feed use
Roundup Ready® soybeans 40-3-2 tolerant to glyphosate;	Legacy Monsanto	feed registration period(s) 2003 – 2008, May 2008 – May 2013 May 2013 – May 2018
Bt soybeans, MON 87701 resistant to Lepidoptera pests	Legacy Monsanto	May 2013 – for unlimited period Jul. 2013 – Jul. 2018
Liberty Link® Soybeans A2704-12, tolerant to Gluphosinate	Legacy Bayer Crop Sciences	Nov. 2007 – Nov. 2012 Nov. 2012 – Nov. 2017
Liberty Link® Soybeans A5547-127, tolerant to gluphosinate ammonium	Legacy Bayer Crop Sciences	Nov. 2007 – Nov. 2012 Nov. 2012 – Nov. 2017
Soybeans BPS-CV-127-9, imidazolinone	BASF	Sep. 2012 – Sep. 2017
Soybeans SYHT0H2, Syngenta herbicide HPPD* + glufosinate	Syngenta	Apr. 2013 – Apr. 2019

In MY18/19 and MY19/20, Post estimates that Russia imported 150,000 MT of soybean meal each year and approximately 2.1 MMT of soybeans.

Attachments:

No Attachments.