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**Report Highlights:**

On March 31, 2020, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), issued EEC Collegium Decision No. 43, introducing a ban on exports from the EAEU of a number of food products, most notably sunflower seeds and soy beans, as part of the EAEU coronavirus pandemic response. The export ban will come into effect on April 12, 2020, and will last through June 30, 2020. This report contains an unofficial English translation of the measure.

### **General Information**

On March 31, 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 Collegium Decision No. 43 ([in Russian](#)) introducing a ban on exports from the EAEU of a number of food products, most notably sunflower seeds and soybeans. The export ban will come into effect on April 12, 2020, and will last through June 30, 2020. The measure was introduced as part of the EAEU coronavirus pandemic response.

The ban would mostly affect Russia, which is a large exporter of sunflower seeds and soybeans. According to analysts, in September 2019-February 2020, Russia exported around 650,000 tons of sunflower seeds and 580,000 tons of soybeans.

An unofficial English translation of the EEC Collegium Decision No. 43 of March 31, 2020 can be found below. The current version of the EEC Collegium Decision No. 30 of April 21, 2015, is available here [in Russian](#) and [translated into English](#) via automated translation.

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

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
COLLEGIUM**

**DECISION**

March 31, 2020

No. 43

Moscow

**On Amending Decision of the Eurasian Economic Commission Collegium No. 30 of April 21, 2015 “On Non-Tariff Regulation”**

In accordance with Article 46 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and paragraph 4 of the Protocol on the Non-Tariff Regulation for to Third Countries (Annex No. 7 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014), as well as paragraph 6 of the Order of the Eurasian Economic Commission Council No. 11 of March 25, 2020 “On Implementation of Measures Aimed at Preventing the Spread of the Coronavirus Infection COVID-19”, in connection with an extraordinary occasion, calling for immediate action in order to prevent the risk of food products shortage, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To amend Decision of the Eurasian Economic Commission Collegium No. 30 of April 21, 2015 “On Non-Tariff Regulation” in accordance with the attachment.

2. To establish that the ban on export from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union of certain kinds of food products included in section 1.11 of the list of goods that banned for import into and (or) export from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (Annex No. 1 to Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 30 of April 21, 2015), shall be in force through June 30, 2020.

3. The present Decision shall come into effect after 10 calendar days from its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission

M. Myasnikovich

ATTACHMENT

to Decision of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission  
No. 43 of March 31, 2020

**AMENDMENTS**  
**to Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission**  
**No. 30 of April 21, 2015**

1. Annex No. 1 to the said Decision shall be supplemented with Section 1.11 as follows:

“1.11 Certain Kinds of Food Products Banned for Exports through June 30, 2020

Item Name	EAEU HS Code
Onions	0703 10 110 0 0703 10 190 0
Garlic	0703 20 000 0
Turnip	0706 10 000 9
Rye	1002
Rice	1006*
Buckwheat	1008 10 000 0
Millet	1008 21 000 0 1008 29 000 0
Cereal groats, meal and pellets	1103 (except for 1103 19 500 0, 1103 20 500 0)
Hulled grains of buckwheat	1104 29 300 0
Soybeans, whether or not broken	1201
Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	1206 00
Prepared food products from buckwheat	1904 90 800 0

\* Except for rice originating from the Republic of Kazakhstan

Notes to the Section:

1. For the purposes of the present Section it is necessary to be guided both by the EAEU HS Code and the product name.

2. The ban shall not extend to products, exported from the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union:

for providing humanitarian assistance to foreign states on the basis of decisions of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States (hereinafter – Member States);

by natural persons for personal needs;

as supplies, as well as to ensure operation of facilities and installations in exclusive jurisdiction of the Member States.

3. The ban shall not extend to the export of goods moved as part of international transit shipments, starting and ending beyond the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union, as well as goods of the Eurasian Economic Union moved between the territories of the Member States through territories of third countries.”

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**Attachments:**

No Attachments.