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Report Highlights:
The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published a draft document amending the CU sanitary requirements. Most of the amendments affect maximum residue limits (MRLs) for pesticides and chemicals in external entities, including agricultural products. There is a 60-day EEC public comment period, starting March 27, 2014, and ending May 27, 2014. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization.

General Information
The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published the following draft document on its website:

- On Amending Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision (Control)

In particular, the document introduces a requirement for peroxide value for refined palm oil, amends some existing and introduces a number of new MRLs for pesticides and chemicals in external entities, as well as specifies the requirement for phosphates in meat products.

An unofficial English translation of the above-referenced draft document can be found below. There is a 60-day EEC public comment period, starting March 27, 2014, and ending May 27, 2014. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov). USDA, in turn, will share collected comments/concerns with the Eurasian Economic Commission.

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
COLLEGIUM

DECISION

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On Amending Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision (Control)

The Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **decided:**

1. To amend Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods Subject to Sanitary and Epidemiological Supervision (Control) approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 299 of May 28, 2010, in accordance with the attachment.

2. To establish that production and circulation of products released into circulation in the customs territory of the Customs Union in accordance with the mandatory requirements established earlier by Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary Requirements is allowed until September 1, 2014.

3. The present Decision shall come into force 30 calendar days after its official publication.

Chairman
Of the Eurasian Economic Commission V.B. Khristenko

ANNEX
to Decision of the Collegium
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
of _____2014 No. _____

AMENDMENTS
to Chapter II of the Unified Sanitary and Epidemiological and Hygienic Requirements for Goods subject to Sanitary-Epidemiological Supervision (Control)

1. In item 7.1 “Vegetable oil (all kinds) of sub-subsection 7 “Raw oil materials and fat products – group 12, group 15” of subsection “List of goods for which unified sanitary requirements are established by the present section (according to the CU HS codes)” of section 1 “Requirements for safety and nutritional value of food products” in the line “peroxide value” the column “Note” before the words “5.0 mmol of active oxygen/kg” shall be supplemented with the following words “0.9 mmol of active oxygen/kg – for refined deodorized palm oil.”

2. In Annex 15.1 to Section 15 “Requirements for Pesticides and Agrochemicals”:

to supplement with the following lines:

No. of item	Name of active ingredient	ADD (mg/kg of human body weight)	MAC/ APC in soil (mg/kg)	MAC/ AAL in water of water basins (mg/dm^3)	MAC/ SRLI in air of working area ($mg/м^3$)	MAC/ SRLI in atmospheric air (mg/m^3)	MPL/TMPL in product (mg/kg)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Ametoctradin	0.7					wine – 1.0**
	Bromide ion	1.0					beans, peas, citrus fruits – 30.0*; fruits (seed and stone type), grapes, pomegranate – 20.0*; potato – 50*
	Mepiquat chloride		/3.7		/0.3	/0.01	
	Metrafenone		/0.9	0.2/(tot.)	/1.3	/0.02	
	MCPA (MCPA) 2-ethyl hexyl ester				/1.0	/0.001	
	MCPA					0.003/	flax (oil)

						(av.daily) 0.01/ (max. one time)	(seeds, oil) – 0.1
	Penthiopyrad	0.13	/0.9	0.02/	/0.8	/0.02	fruits seed type – 0.5
	Penflufen	0.04	/0.9	0.06/(tot.)	/1.0	/0.001	Potato – 0.5
	Picoxystrobin						sugar beet – 0.05
	Pyrimethanil	0.2	/0.14	0.3/(tot.)	/1.0	/0.001	tomato – 0.7; fruits seed type – 7.0; grape – 4.0; berries (including strawberry and wild strawberry) – 3.0; potato – 0.1
	Pyroxsulam			0.005/(tot.)			
	Prohexadione calcium			0.001/(tot.)			
	Spirotetramat	0.1					
	Tebufenpyrad	0.01	/0.4	0.01/(tot.)	/0.5	/0.0001	grape – 0.5; fruits seed type – 0.2
	Flubendiamide	0.02					Grapes – 2.0**; fruits (seed type) – 0.8**; nuts – 0.1**; solanaceous (tomato, pepper, eggplant)) – 0.2**; vegetables with edible fruits (squashes, cucumbers, gherkins) – 0.15**; melon type (melon, water melon,

							pumpkin) – 0.06**; salad – 0.7**; spinach – 1.0**; fruits (stone type) – 2.0**; cabbage (all types) – 4.0**
	Flucarbazone sodium	0.07	/0.4	0.07/(tot.)	/1.0	/0.002	Cereal grain – 0.2
	Fluxapyroxad	0.02	/0.9	0.006/(tot.)	/0.8	/0.01	Cereal grain – 0.5
	Fluopiram						grape – 1.0; fruits (seed type) – 0.5; tomatoes – 0.9; berries (strawberries and others) – 2.0; potato – 0.1
	Cycloxydim	0.07	/0.4	0.01/(org.)	/1.0	/0.002	soybeans (beans, oil) – 5.0; corn (grain, oil) – 0.2; sunflower seed (seeds, oil) -1.0; sugar beet – 0.5
	Ethametsulfuron-methyl	0.2	/0.14	0.4/(tot.)	/1.0	/0.02	Rapeseed (seeds, oil) – 0.05
	Sorbitan monolaurate ethoxylate (bioactivator NN-21)			0.03/	/7.0		

to amend the lines for the following active ingredients in the respective columns as follows:

No. of	Name of active ingredient	ADD (mg/kg	MAC/ APC in	MAC/ AAL in	MAC/ SRLI in	MAC/ SRLI in	MPL/TMPL in product

item		of human body weight)	soil (mg/kg)	water of water basins (mg/dm^3)	air of working area ($mg/м^3$)	atmospheric air (mg/m^3)	(mg/kg)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
76	Acetamiprid						rapeseed (seed, oil) – 0.1
80	Acifluorfen				0.3/(a)	0.01/(max. one time) 0.005/ (av.daily)	
94	Biphenthrin						potato – 0.05
95	Boskalide						potato – 0.05; onion (bulb) – 5.0; tomatoes – 3.0; cucumbers – 3.0; carrot – 2.0
130	Glyphosate	1.0					
142	Deltamethrin						eggplants – 0.2**; citrus fruit – 0.1; pepper – 0.2: melon – 0.2; salad – 0.5; cabbage (all types) – 0.1
160	Dimethoate						soybean (oil, beans) – 0.02; corn (oil, grain) – 0.02
161	Dimetomorf						cucumbers – 1.0; onion (bulb) – 0.15
190	Isoproturon	0.015					
193	Imazalil						corn (oil) – 0.3; peas – 0.1
195	Imazamox					0.02/ (av.daily) 0.05/ (max. one time)	

197	Imazethapyr						sunflowerseed (seeds, oil) – 0.5
198	Imidacloprid		0.5/(tr.)				flax oily (seeds, oil) - 0.1
210	Carbendazim						rapeseed (seeds) - 0.1; rapeseed oil – 0.05
217	Clethodim						peas – 2.0; flax oily (seeds, oil) – 0.1
223	Clopyralid						cabbage – 1.0
225	Clothianidin						tomatoes – 0.05; sunflowerseed (seeds) – 0.02; sunflowerseed (oil) – 0.05
227	Kresoxim-methyl						currant – 1.0**
232	Lambda-cyhalothrin						fruits (seed type) – 0.1; citrus fruits – 0.2**; corn (oil) – 0.01
233	Malathion						rapeseed (oil) – 0.1
241	Mesosulfuron-methyl			0.006/(tot.)			
257	S-metolachlor						corn (oil) – 0.1
258	Methomyl						cabbage – 0.03; onion (bulb) – 0.2; tomato – 1.0
260	Metsulfuron-methyl						oily flax (seeds, oil) – 0.1
261	Mefenoxam (metalaxyl, metalaxyl M)						Chinese cabbage – 0.05**;

							soybean (beans, oil) – 0.1
268	Napropamide	0.1	/0.2		/1.3	/0.02	Rapeseed (seed, oil) – 0.1; tomatoes – 0.1
280	Oxadixyl						cucumbers – 0.4
288	Pendimethalin						carrot – 0.2
296	Picloram					0.003/ (av.daily) 0.01/ (max. one time)	
299	Pyraclostrobin						sunflowerseed (seed, oil) – 0.3; potato – 0.2; onion (bulb) – 0.2; tomato – 0.3; cucumbers – 0.5; carrot – 0.5
306	Pyriproxyfen						tomato - 1.0; citrus fruits – 0.5**
317	Propamocarb hydrochloride						Tomato – 10.0; cucumbers – 10.0
323	Propiconazole					0.01/ (av.daily) 0.03/ (max. one time)	soybean (beans, oil) – 0.1
336	Mixture of non-ionic surfactants of fixed composition (Amigo adjuvant, KS)			0.1/(org.+ tot.)			
345	Tebuconazole						corn (oil), flax oily (seed, oil) - 0.1; peas – 2.0
364	Thiamethoxam						soybeans

							(beans, oil) - 0.05
368	Thiram	0.02					fruits (seed type) – 5.0; fruits (stone type) – 3.0; peas – 0.1
369	Thifensulfuron-methyl						oily flax (seeds, oil) - 0.05; corn (oil) -0.05
384	Trifloxystrobin						fruits (seed type) – 0.5; grapes – 5.0; bananas - 0.05**; salad – 10.0**; vegetables with edible fruits (cucumbers, gherkin, squash, scallop squash) – 0.2**; pepper, olives, melon type crops (water melon, melon, pumpkin) – 0.3**; onion and leek - 0.7**; tomatoes, eggplant, strawberry, citrus fruits - 0.5**; cabbage (all types) - 0.5**; fruits (stone type) – 1.0**; carrots - 0.1**;
400	Fenoxycarb						fruits (seed type) – 1.0

406	Fenpropimorph			0.01/(tot.)			
415	Fluazifop-P-butyl					0.05/ (max. one time) 0.02/ (av.daily)	Red beet -0.1
416	Fludioxonil						Garlic, onion (bulb) – 0.5
420	Fluopicolide	0.08					Grapes – 2.0**; solanaceous – (tomato, sweet pepper, eggplant) – 1.0**; vegetables with edible fruits (cucumbers, gherkin, squash, scallop squash) – 0.5**; salad – 8.0**; spinach – 0.1**; cabbage (all types) – 2.0**; melon type (melon, water melon, pumpkin) - 0.5**; leek – 10.0**
421	Fluroxypyr				1.0/ (a)	0.003/ (av.daily) 0.01/ (max. one time)	
423	Flutriafol	0.01					
432	Ether phosphate (adjuvant)					/0.04	
437	Quizalofop-P-ethyl						oily flax – (seeds, oil) – 0.2
447	Chlorothalonil	0.02					celery (root)– 10.0**;

							cucumbers – 1.0; fruits (stone type) – 0.2
466	Cypermethrin (ζ- and β-Cypermethrines)						oily flax (seeds, oil) – 0.2; sunflowerseed (seeds, oil) – 0.2; corn (oil) - 0.05
468	Cyproconazole	0.01				0.003/ (av.daily) 0.01/ (max. one time)	
472	Epoxiconazole					0.002/ (av.daily) 0.005/ (max. one time)	

3. In Annex No. 15 “Hygienic regulations for application of stabilizers, emulsifiers, fillers, and thickeners” in the line “Phosphoric acid (E338) and food-grade phosphates: Phosphates: with base NH4 (E 342), K (E340), Ca (E341, 542), Mg (E343), Na (E339), Diphosphates (E450), Triphosphates (E451), Polyphosphates (E452) - added phosphate, separate or combined in terms of P_2O_5” for food products “Meat products (including sausage products), except for non-processed products and ground meat” the column “Maximum level in products” shall read as follows: “3 g of added phosphate for 1 kg of meat raw materials, 8 g of the total (added + natural) phosphate for 1 kg of the finished product.”

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