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### Draft SPS Measure on Rabbit Semen Notified to WTO

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**Report Highlights:**

On February 13, 2018, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft requirements for imported rabbit semen and the corresponding form of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate via G/SPS/N/RUS/147. The public comment period for both drafts will close on April 14, 2018. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point ([us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov](mailto:us.spsenquirypoint@fas.usda.gov)). For potential inclusion in the U.S. official position, please send your comments by April 2, 2018.

## **General Information**

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia [Eurasian Economic Union](#) (EAEU), published the following draft documents on its website:

- [On Amending Unified Veterinary \(Veterinary and Sanitary\) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\)](#)
- [On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011](#)

In particular, these documents would introduce a new Chapter 46 with the veterinary requirements for rabbit semen imported into the EAEU and a new form No. 47 of a unified EAEU veterinary certificate for imported rabbit semen.

An unofficial English translation of the above-referenced draft documents can be found below.

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
COLLEGIUM**

**DECISION**

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No.

**On Amending Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to  
Veterinary Control (Surveillance)**

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Article 58 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and paragraph 22 of Annex No. 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 98 of December 23, 2014, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To amend the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control (Surveillance), approved by Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 317 of June 18, 2010, in accordance with the attachment.

2. The present Decision shall take effect after 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission      T. Sargsyan

ATTACHMENT  
to Decision of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 2018, No. \_\_\_\_\_

**AMENDMENT**  
**to the Unified Veterinary (Veterinary and Sanitary) Requirements for Goods Subject to**  
**Veterinary Control (Surveillance)**

To supplement with Chapter 46 as follows:

“Chapter 46

**VETERINARY REQUIREMENTS**  
**for the import in the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) transfer**  
**between the Member States of rabbit semen**

It is allowed to import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and (or) transfer between the Member States rabbit semen received from healthy animals that have not been vaccinated against rabbit hemorrhagic disease during the last 12 months, in facilities with appropriate conditions for semen collection, its testing, processing, conservation, and storage.

Semen donor rabbits (hereinafter – donor rabbits) shall originate from the premises that are free from the following contagious animal diseases:

rabbit hemorrhagic disease – during the last 12 months, which is confirmed by results of a serological examination;

myxomatosis - during the last 6 months on the premises.

Donor rabbits shall originate from the premises, which are not under any veterinary-sanitary restrictions.

Donor rabbits were tested for rabbit hemorrhagic disease in an accredited laboratory, within the terms recommended by the OIE Code, with negative results (the name of the laboratory, the date and method of testing shall be indicated in the veterinary certificate.)

Donor rabbits shall not be used for natural breeding for at least 30 days prior to semen collection and shall be kept in conditions precluding such a possibility.

Prior to semen collection donor rabbits shall be subjected to clinical examination to ascertain their health status.

Semen of donor rabbits shall not contain pathogenic or toxicogenic microorganisms.

Semen shall be collected, stored, and transported in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE Code.”

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No.

**On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011**

In accordance with paragraph 17 of the Protocol on the application of sanitary, veterinary and sanitary and phytosanitary measures (annex No. 12 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014) and paragraph 19 of Annex No. 2 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by Decision of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council No. 98 of December 23, 2014, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To amend decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011 “On the Forms of Unified Veterinary Certificates for Controlled Goods Imported from Third Countries in the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union” in accordance with the attachment.

2. The present decision shall take effect after 30 calendar days from its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission      T. Sargsyan

ATTACHMENT  
to Decision of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission  
No.        of        2018

**AMENDMENTS**  
**to Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 607 of April 7, 2011**

1. To supplement with paragraph 47 as follows:

“47. Veterinary certificate for rabbit semen exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (Form No. 47) (attached).”

2. The forms of the Unified Veterinary Certificates, approved by the said Decision, shall be supplemented with the veterinary certificate for rabbit semen exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (Form No. 47) as follows:

**“Форма № 47 /Form No. 47**

<b>1. Описание поставки / Shipment description</b>				1.8. <i>Сертификат №</i> / Certificate №			
1.1. <i>Название и адрес грузоотправителя:</i> / Name and address of consignor:				<b>Ветеринарный сертификат на экспортируемую на таможенную территорию Евразийского экономического союза сперму кроликов / Veterinary certificate for rabbit semen exported to the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union</b>			
1.2. <i>Название и адрес грузополучателя:</i> / Name and address of consignee:							
1.3. <i>Количество доз спермы в партии груза:</i> / Number of semen doses in consignment:							
1.4. <i>Число мест (контейнеров):</i> / Number of places (containers):				1.9. <i>Страна происхождения товара:</i> / Country of origin of goods:			
1.5. <i>Маркировка пломбы на транспортном контейнере:</i> / Seal marking on transport container:				1.10. <i>Компетентное ведомство страны-экспортера:</i> / Competent authority of exporting country:			
1.6. <i>Транспорт:</i> / Means of transport: ( <i>№ рейса самолета, название судна, номер вагона, автомашины</i> ) ( <i>flight-number, name of the ship, number of the carriage, vehicle</i> )				1.11. <i>Учреждение страны-экспортера, выдавшее сертификат:</i> / Organization of the exporting country endorsing this certificate:			
1.7. <i>Страна (ы) транзита:</i> / Country (s) of transit:				1.12. <i>Пункт пропуска товаров через таможенную границу:</i> / Point of entry of goods through the customs border:			
<b>2. Происхождение спермы / Origin of semen</b>							
2.1. <i>Адрес места содержания кролика(ов) – донора(ов) спермы:</i> / Address of the facility where donor rabbit(s) is(are) from:							
2.2. <i>Административно-территориальная единица:</i> / Administrative-territorial unit:							
<b>3. Информация о кроликах – донорах спермы / Information on semen donor rabbits</b>							
№ / No.	Кличка / Name	Идентификационный номер / Identification number	Дата рождения / Date of Birth	Порода / Breed	Дата отбора спермы / Date of semen collection	Пробирки со спермой / Semen straws	
						Маркировка / Marking	Количество доз / Number of doses
1.							

2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							

При перевозке спермы от более чем 5 животных составляется описание, которое подписывается государственным/официальным ветеринарным врачом страны-экспортера и является неотъемлемой частью настоящего сертификата. / An inventory is made, if semen from more than 5 animals is shipped, it is signed by the government/official veterinarian of exporting country and constitutes an integral part of this certificate.

#### 4. Информация о состоянии здоровья / Health information

**Я, нижеподписавшийся государственный/официальный ветеринарный врач, настоящим удостоверяю следующее: / I, the undersigned government/official veterinarian, certify that:**

4.1. Экспортируемая на таможенную территорию Евразийского экономического союза сперма кроликов получена от здоровых животных в помещениях, где есть условия для отбора спермы, ее исследования, обработки, консервации и хранения. / Rabbit semen exported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union has been collected from healthy animals in facilities with appropriate conditions for semen collection, its testing, processing, conservation, and storage.

Кролики – доноры спермы происходят из мест содержания, свободных от следующих заразных болезней животных: / Semen donor rabbits originate from the premises that are free from the following contagious animal diseases:

- геморрагической болезни кроликов – в течение последних 12 месяцев, что подтверждается результатами серологического обследования; / rabbit haemorrhagic disease – during the last 12 months, which is confirmed by results of a serological examination;  
- миксоматоза – в течение последних 6 месяцев. / myxomatosis - during the last 6 months on the premises.

4.2 Кролики – доноры спермы не вакцинированы против геморрагической болезни кроликов в течение последних 12 месяцев. / Semen donor rabbits that have not been vaccinated against rabbit haemorrhagic disease during the last 12 months.

4.3. Кролики – доноры спермы происходят из мест содержания, в отношении которых не установлены ветеринарно-санитарные ограничения. / Semen donor rabbits originate from the premises, which are not under any veterinary-sanitary restrictions.

4.4. Кролики – доноры спермы в сроки, рекомендованные Кодексом здоровья наземных животных МЭБ были исследованы в аккредитованной лаборатории с отрицательными результатами (указать название лаборатории, дату и метод исследования) на геморрагическую болезнь кроликов. / Semen donor rabbits were tested for rabbit haemorrhagic disease in an accredited laboratory, within the terms recommended by the OIE Code, with negative results (indicate the name of the laboratory, the date and method of testing.)

4.5. Кролики – доноры спермы не менее 30 дней до отбора спермы не использовались для естественного осеменения и находились в условиях, исключающих такую возможность. / Semen donor rabbits have not been used for natural breeding for at least 30 days prior to semen collection and have been kept in conditions precluding such a possibility.

4.6. Кролики – доноры спермы перед отбором спермы подвергнуты клиническому осмотру. / Prior to semen collection semen donor rabbits have been subjected to clinical examination.

4.7. В сперме не содержится патогенных и токсикогенных микроорганизмов. / The semen does not contain pathogenic or toxicogenic microorganisms.

4.6. Сперма отбиралась, хранилась и транспортируется в соответствии с рекомендациями Кодекса здоровья наземных животных МЭБ. / Semen was collected, stored, and transported in accordance with the recommendations of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code.

Место / Place \_\_\_\_\_

Дата / Date \_\_\_\_\_

Печать / Stamp \_\_\_\_\_

Подпись государственного/официального ветеринарного врача / Signature of government /official veterinarian \_\_\_\_\_

Ф.И.О. и должность / Name and position \_\_\_\_\_

Примечания / Notes: 1. Подпись и печать должны отличаться цветом от бланка. / Signature and stamp must be in a different color to that of the printed certificate.  
2. Ветеринарный сертификат оформляется на русском языке, а также на языке страны-экспортера и (или) английском языке. / Veterinary certificate is executed in the Russian language as well as the language of the exporting country and (or) the English language.

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