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**Report Highlights:**

On August 20, 2015, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published Decision No. 99 of August 18, 2015, establishing tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) and respective volumes for imports of meat, poultry and whey into the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) [1]. Unchanged from 2015, Russia's TRQ volumes appear consistent with its WTO commitments. Belarus TRQ volumes also remained unchanged, while Kazakhstan will increase access for beef and poultry while slashing its TRQ for pork in 2016. The EEC decision does not establish any TRQs for new EAEU members Armenia and Kyrgyzstan.

<sup>[1]</sup> Current members are Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Russia.

**General Information:**

On August 20, 2015, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published [Decision 99](#), “On Establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of Certain Agricultural Goods into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2016, as well as Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of these Goods in the Territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member-States.”

The Russian TRQ volumes for 2016 will be the same as in 2015, which appear to be consistent with its WTO commitments. As in the previous year, the EEC Decision on 2016 TRQs does not specify country-specific allocations for Russia but rather leaves it up to the country to “ensure distribution of the tariff-rate quotas established by the present Decision among third countries in accordance with Russian legislation and Russia’s commitments within the framework of the World Trade Organization.”

Kazakhstan increased its TRQ volume for frozen and chilled beef (from 10,020 MT in 2015 to 21,000 MT in 2016), but slashed its TRQ volume for pork from 9,700 MT in 2015 to 0 MT in 2016. Kazakhstan also increased its TRQ for poultry from 110,000 MT in 2015 by establishing a separate TRQ of 128,000 MT in 2016 for frozen bone-in chicken halves, quarters, legs, and cuts thereof (EAEU HS codes 0207 14 200 1 and 0207 14 600 1) and an additional TRQ of 12,000 MT for all other poultry items specified in the EEC decision.

The TRQ volumes for Belarus remained unchanged from 2015. At the same time, unlike in the previous year, the EEC decision on 2016 TRQs no longer allows Belarus to increase its TRQ for pork from 20,000 MT to up to 40,000 MT if the country exhausts at least 70 percent of the full year TRQ for pork in the first half of the year.

As for new members of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)<sup>1</sup> Armenia and Kyrgyzstan, EEC Decision No. 99 of August 18, 2015, does not establish any TRQs for Armenia while Kyrgyzstan is not even mentioned in the decision - which was apparently drafted and finalized prior to the official EAEU accession of Kyrgyzstan on August 12, 2015.

The proposed TRQ allocations will enter into force 30 days from the date of the decision’s official publication (i.e., September 19, 2015).

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<sup>1</sup> For details on the Eurasian Economic Union, please see GAIN report [RS1478 Eurasian Integration Continues with the Eurasian Economic Union](#).

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
COLLEGIUM**

**D E C I S I O N**

August 18, 2015                      **No. 99**                      Moscow

**On Establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of Certain Agricultural Goods into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2016, as well as Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of these Goods in the Territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member-States**

In accordance with articles 44 and 45 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, Annexes No. 6 and 7 thereto, and the Agreement on the Functioning of the Customs Union within the Framework of the Multilateral Trade System of May 19, 2011, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission has **decided**:

1. For certain types of agricultural goods, imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2016, to establish tariff-rate quotas and volumes of tariff-rate quotas for the import of these goods in the territories of the Eurasian Economic Union member-states according to the attachments (hereinafter – the tariff-rate quotas).

2. To establish that:

Tariff-rate quotas shall apply to goods imported into the unified customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and placed under the customs procedure of release for domestic consumption, with the exception of goods originating in and imported from the CIS member-states;

the goods specified in item 1 of the present Decision, shall be included in the unified list of goods which are subject to measure of non-tariff regulation in trade with third countries as provided by item 4 of the Protocol on measures of non-tariff regulation for third countries (Annex No. 7 to the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014) and published on the official website of the Eurasian Economic Union in the information and telecommunications network Internet.

3. The Russian Federation shall ensure distribution of the volume of the tariff-rate quotas, established by the present Decision, among third countries in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and commitments of the Russian Federation within the framework of the World Trade Organization.

4. Eurasian Economic Union member-states shall:

Implement distribution of the volumes of the tariff-rate quotas, established by the present Decision, among foreign trade participants in accordance with their legislation;

Instruct the authorized executive bodies to issue licenses for the import of goods, specified in item 1 of the present Decision.

5. Section 2.27 of the Unified List of Goods that shall be Subject to Bans or Restrictions on Import or Export by the Member-States of the Customs Union in the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Community in Trade with third Countries, approved by Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission No. 134 of August 16, 2012, "On Regulatory Legal Acts in the Sphere of Non-Tariff Regulation," shall cease to be in force.

6. This Decision shall enter into force 30 calendar days from the date of its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission V. Khristenko

ATTACHMENT  
to Decision of the Collegium  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission  
No. 99 of August 18, 2015

**Certain Types of Agricultural Goods to be Imported into the Customs Territory of the  
Eurasian Economic Union in 2016, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas, and the  
Volume of the Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of these Goods in the Territories of the  
Eurasian Economic Union Member-States**

Product Name	EAEU HS Code	Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas (thousand MT)			
		Republic of Armenia	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Russian Federation
Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	0201 10 000 1, 0201 20 200 1, 0201 20 300 1, 0201 20 500 1, 0201 20 900 1, 0201 30 000 4	0.0	0.0	21	40
Meat of bovine animals, frozen	0202 10 000 1, 0202 20 100 1, 0202 20 300 1, 0202 20 500 1, 0202 20 900 1, 0202 30 100 4, 0202 30 500 4, 0202 30 900 4				530
Pork, fresh, chilled, and frozen	0203 11 100 1, 0203 11 900 1, 0203 12 110 1, 0203 12 190 1, 0203 12 900 1, 0203 19 110 1, 0203 19 130 1, 0203 19 150 1, 0203 19 550 1, 0203 19 590 1, 0203 19 900 1, 0203 21 100 1, 0203 21 900 1, 0203 22 110 1, 0203 22 190 1, 0203 22 900 1, 0203 29 110 1, 0203 29 130 1, 0203 29 150 1, 0203 29 550 1, 0203 29 590 1, 0203 29 900 1	0.0	20	0.0	400
Pork trimmings*	0203 29 550 2, 0203 29 900 2				30
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105, fresh, chilled, or frozen:					
Frozen bone-in chicken halves or quarters and frozen bone-in chicken legs and cuts thereof	0207 14 200 1, 0207 14 600 1	0.0	0.0	128	250

Product Name	EAEU HS Code	Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas (thousand MT)			
		Republic of Armenia	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Russian Federation
Deboned chicken meat, fresh or chilled	0207 13 100 1		10	12	0.0
Frozen deboned chicken meat	0207 14 100 1				100
Frozen deboned turkey meat	0207 27 100 1		0.9		14
Frozen cuts of bone-in turkey	0207 27 300 1, 0207 27 400 1, 0207 27 600 1, 0207 27 700 1		0.0		
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105, fresh, chilled, or frozen, not specified above	0207 11 100 1, 0207 11 300 1, 0207 11 900 1, 0207 12 100 1, 0207 12 900 1, 0207 13 200 1, 0207 13 300 1, 0207 13 400 1, 0207 13 500 1, 0207 13 600 1, 0207 13 700 1, 0207 13 910 1, 0207 13 990 1, 0207 14 300 1, 0207 14 400 1, 0207 14 500 1, 0207 14 700 1, 0207 14 910 1, 0207 14 990 1, 0207 24 100 1, 0207 24 900 1, 0207 25 100 1, 0207 25 900 1, 0207 26 100 1, 0207 26 200 1, 0207 26 300 1, 0207 26 400 1, 0207 26 500 1, 0207 26 600 1, 0207 26 700 1, 0207 26 800 1, 0207 26 910 1, 0207 26 990 1, 0207 27 200 1, 0207 27 500 1, 0207 27 800 1, 0207 27 910 1, 0207 27 990 1, 0207 41 200 1, 0207 41 300 1, 0207 41 800 1, 0207 42 300 1, 0207 42 800 1, 0207 43 000 1, 0207 44 100 1, 0207 44 210 1, 0207 44 310 1, 0207 44 410 1, 0207 44 510 1, 0207 44 610 1, 0207 44 710 1, 0207 44 810 1, 0207 44 910 1, 0207 44 990 1, 0207 45 100 1, 0207 45 210 1, 0207 45 310 1, 0207 45 410 1, 0207 45 510 1, 0207 45 610 1,		0.0		0.0

Product Name	EAEU HS Code	Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas (thousand MT)			
		Republic of Armenia	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Russian Federation
	0207 45 710 1, 0207 45 810 1, 0207 45 930 1, 0207 45 950 1, 0207 45 990 1, 0207 51 100 1, 0207 51 900 1, 0207 52 100 1, 0207 52 900 1, 0207 53 000 1, 0207 54 100 1, 0207 54 210 1, 0207 54 310 1, 0207 54 410 1, 0207 54 510 1, 0207 54 610 1, 0207 54 710 1, 0207 54 810 1, 0207 54 910 1, 0207 54 990 1, 0207 55 100 1, 0207 55 210 1, 0207 55 310 1, 0207 55 410 1, 0207 55 510 1, 0207 55 610 1, 0207 55 710 1, 0207 55 810 1, 0207 55 930 1, 0207 55 950 1, 0207 55 990 1, 0207 60 050 1, 0207 60 100 1, 0207 60 210 1, 0207 60 310 1, 0207 60 410 1, 0207 60 510 1, 0207 60 610 1, 0207 60 810 1, 0207 60 910 1, 0207 60 990 1				
Certain types of whey and modified whey, in powder, granules, or other solid forms, not containing sugar or other sweetening matter	0404 10 120 1, 0404 10 160 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	15

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\* Pork trimmings can be imported both as part of the tariff-rate quota established for pork trimmings and the tariff-rate quota established for pork.

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