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INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS

Publication Date: June 5, 2014

[Eurasian Economic Union Treaty](#) - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The Treaty was signed on May 29, 2014, at the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council meeting in Astana. The EEU Treaty should come into force on January 1, 2015, pending its ratification in Russia, Kazakhstan, and Belarus. Under the EEU Treaty, the three states have committed to the free movement of goods, services, capital and work force and to implement a coordinated policy in such key areas as energy, industry, agriculture and transport.

**MEETING OF THE SUPREME EURASIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL AT THE HEADS OF
STATE LEVEL
May 29, 2014**

Publication Date: May 30, 2014

[EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 71](#). *On the Progress on the Implementation the Supreme Eurasian Council Decision No. 65 of April 29, 2014* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision urges the EEC, together with the CU Member States and the Armenian Government, to ensure that a draft Agreement on Armenia's accession to the Customs Union and Single Economic Space (SES) is submitted for signing by July 1, 2014.

[EEC Supreme Council Decision No. 74](#). *On the Plan of Actions ("Roadmap") for Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Customs Union of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Russian Federation* - original in [Russian](#)

Summary: The decision approves the respective roadmap, consisting of 181 items that are broken down into the following ten sections: customs administration, technical regulation, SPS

measures, transport and infrastructure, tariff and non-tariff regulation, trade remedies, trade policy, financial policy, statistics, other infrastructure development.

9th MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COUNCIL
June 23, 2014

Publication Date: June 25, 2014

EEC Council Decision No. 42. *On the Work on the Kyrgyz Republic's Joining to the Single Economic Space of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Russian Federation Taking into Account the Formation of the Eurasian Economic Union - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision renames the working group (WG) on the Kyrgyz accession to the Customs Union from the “Working Group on the Participation of the Kyrgyz Republic in the Customs Union of the Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Russian Federation” to the “Working Group on the Accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Customs Union and Single Economic Space of the Republic of Belarus, Republic of Kazakhstan, and the Russian Federation, Taking into Account the Formation of the Eurasian Economic Union.” The powers of the WG are extended, respectively, to cover both the accession of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Customs Union and the Single Economic Space (SES) in view of the formation of the Eurasian Economic Union. The working group is also tasked with drafting a draft roadmap for the Kyrgyz accession to the SES.

Publication Date: July 8, 2014

EEC Council Decision No. 47. *On Amending the Unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Customs Union and the Unified Customs Tariff of the Customs Union in Respect of Certain Types of Goods in Accordance with the Commitments of the Russian Federation in the Framework of the WTO - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision changes the CU import tariff in connection with Russia's WTO tariff commitments. According to this decision, the following agricultural items will be affected by the tariff changes as of September 1, 2014: some live, chilled, or frozen fish (from CU HS groups 0301 – 0304), dairy items and birds' eggs (from 0402, 0405 – 0408), live plants (from 0602), fresh vegetables (from 0701, 0703-0704, 0706 – 0707), fresh apples and other fruit (from 0808 and 0810), rice (1006), flour, malt, starches (from 1105 and 1108), oils and margarine (from 1507, 1511-1512, 1514, and 1517), sausage (from 1601), sugar, sugar confectionery, and chocolate (from 1701, 1704, and 1806), pastry (from 1905), preserved vegetables, fruit, and nuts (from 2001, 2005, 2007 – 2009), yeast (from 2102), alcohol (from 2208 and 2905), oil-cake (2304), wool (from 5101), and flax (from 5301). Additionally, the CU tariff on three more preserved fruit items from HS 2007 will be reduced as of December 31, 2014.

14th MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
May 26, 2014

Publication Date: May 27, 2014

EEC Collegium Decision No. 76. *On Approval of a List of Goods, for which Submission of a Customs Declaration shall be Accompanied by a Document on Assessment (Confirmation) of Conformity with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “Technical Regulation on Fruit and Vegetable Juice Products” (TR TS 023/2011) - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The document approves a list of juice products that are subject to the CU Technical Regulation (TR) entitled the “[Technical Regulation on Fruit and Vegetable Juice Products.](#)” The list includes fruit and vegetable juice products including concentrated, reconstituted, purees, concentrated fruit and vegetable aromatic substances, pulp, etc. Each item is identified by the CU HS code. The list should help identify which products require a declaration of conformity with the CU TR “Technical Regulation on Fruit and Vegetable Juice Products.”

EEC Collegium Decision No. 77 *On Amending the Unified Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Customs Union and the Unified Customs Tariff of the Customs Union for Certain Types of Goods in Accordance with the Commitments of the Russian Federation in the Framework of the WTO and on Approval of Draft Decision of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision would change the CU import tariff in connection with Russia’s WTO tariff commitments. In particular, the following agricultural items will be affected by the CU import tariff changes as of September 1, 2014: goat meat (from CU HS heading 0204); certain edible offal of cattle, pigs, rabbits, meat of whales and seals, other meat and edible offal (from 0206, 0208, and 0210); fish liver, eggs and roes, edible fish by-products, crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates (from 0305-0308, 0511); whey and cheese (from 0404, 0406); cut flowers and flower buds, leaves, branches and other parts of plants (from 0603-0604); vegetables, including frozen, canned, dried (from CU HS Chapter 07), fruits and nuts (from 0801, 0804, and 0811-0813); coffee, tea, spices (from 0901-0902, 0904, 0906); grains and starches (from 1103-1104, 1108); seaweeds (from 1212); vegetable plaiting materials (from 1401 and 1404); animal or vegetable fats and oils (from CU HS Chapter 15); prepared, preserved meats, fish, and crustaceans (from 1601-1602 and 1604-1605); some sugars and chewing gum (from 1702, 1704); baking mixes, some bakery goods (from 1901, 1904-1905); processed vegetables, fruits, and nuts (from 2001-2006); extracts, essences, concentrates, soups and broths, ice-cream, other miscellaneous edible preparations (from 2101, 2103-2106); mineral waters, alcohol, vinegar (from 2202-2206, 2208-2209), vegetable residues and preparations for animal feeds (from 2308-2309); tobacco items (from 2402-2403); dextrin (from 3505); fatty acids (from 3823); and raw fur skins (from 4301). Additionally, the CU tariff on some crustaceans from CU HS 0306 and 1605 will be reduced as of January 1, 2015.

EEC Collegium Decision No. 80. *On the List of standards, the voluntary application of which ensures the implementation of the requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products” (TR TS 033/2013), and the List of Standards Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products” (TR TS 033/2013) and Carrying out of Assessment (Confirmation) of Compliance of the Products - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision approves the stated lists of standards containing 151 and 518 items, respectively.

Publication Date: June 3, 2014

EEC Collegium Decision No. 81. *On the List of standards, the voluntary application of which ensures the implementation of the requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Meat and Meat Products” (TR TS 034/2013), and the List of Standards Containing Rules and Methods of Analysis (Tests) and Measurements, Including Sampling Rules, Necessary for the Application and Compliance with the Requirements of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Meat and Meat Products” (TR TS 034/2013) and Carrying out of Assessment (Confirmation) of Compliance of the Products - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision approves the stated lists of standards containing 138 and 132 items, respectively.

**15th MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
June 3, 2014**

Publication Date: June 3, 2014

EEC Collegium Decision No. 82. *On Amendments to Section 2.6 of the Unified List of Goods, which are Subject to Bans or Restrictions for Import or Export by Member-States of the Customs Union within the Framework of the Eurasian Economic Community in Trade with Third Countries - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision adds two CU HS codes (i.e., “from 0811 90 390 0, from 0811 90 950 0”) to the entry for “cedar nuts, whether or not in shell” in Section 2.6 of the respective List called “Wild Animals, Some Wild Plants and Wild Medicinal Raw Materials, Restricted for Movement across the Customs Border of the Customs Union during Exports.”

**16th MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
June 10, 2014**

Publication Date: June 19, 2014

EEC Collegium Decision No. 89. *On Amending Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 769 of August 16, 2011 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The lists of standards for the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Packaging” (TR TS 005/2011) are amended to exclude a number of standards and include reference to updated versions of some standards.

EEC Collegium Decision No. 91. *On Amending Sub-Item 3.1 of Decision of the Customs Union Commission No. 880 of December 9, 2011 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision cancels the exclusion of milk and dairy products and meat and meat products from the scope of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Food Safety” (TR TS 021/2011.). Thus, as of July 19, 2014, milk and dairy products and meat and meat products will be subject both to their respective individual technical regulations of the Customs Union that came into force on May 1, 2014, (“[On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products](#)”, “[On Safety of Meat and Meat Products](#)”) and the umbrella [CU TR on Food Safety](#).

**18th MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
July 2, 2014**

Publication Date: July 3, 2014

EEC Collegium Decision No. 96. *On the Form of Notification on the Volume of State Support of Agriculture of a Customs Union and Single Economic Space Member-State - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The respective form of notification is revised to ensure that complete and unbiased information is provided by the member-states as required by the CU Agreement on the Unified Rules of State Support of Agriculture.

**19th MEETING OF THE EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM
July 7, 2014**

Publication Date: July 7, 2014

EEC Collegium Decision No. 101. *On Amending Item 2-1 of the Customs Union Commission Decision No. 299 of May 28, 2010 - original in [Russian](#)*

Summary: The decision amends CU Commission Decision No. 299 to specify that the Unified CU Sanitary Requirements ceased to apply to products covered by the CU technical regulations “[On Food Products Labeling](#)” and “[On Food Additives](#)” with their entry into force on July 1, 2013.