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## **Russian Federation**

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### **Amendment to Customs Union Pet Food Measure Notified to WTO**

**Report Categories:**

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Sanitary/Phytosanitary/Food Safety

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FAIRS Subject Report

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**Report Highlights:**

On October 17, 2013, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of a draft amendment to the Customs Union (CU) veterinary requirements (i.e., [G/SPS/N/RUS/36](#)). In particular, the amendment clarifies that requirements on the absence of botulinic toxin apply only to canned pet food. The 60-day public comment period ends on December 16, 2013. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point at [us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov](mailto:us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov).

**General Information:**

The Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU) published the following draft document on its website:

- [On Amendments to the Unified Veterinary \(Veterinary and Sanitary\) Requirements for Goods Subject to Veterinary Control \(Surveillance\)](#) *(Please disregard the EEC popup window asking for a password by pressing cancel or closing the window).*

This draft amends Chapter 37 of the Unified CU veterinary requirements to clarify that requirements on the absence of botulinic toxin apply only to canned pet food.

An unofficial English translation of the above draft document can be found below.

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION  
COLLEGIUM**

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**DECISION**

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

In accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 18, 2011, and Article 7 of the Customs Union Agreement on Veterinary and Sanitary Measures of December 11, 2009, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. Chapter 37 of 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, after the words “botulinum toxin” shall be supplemented with the words “(for canned feeds.)”

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

Chairman  
of the Eurasian Economic Commission      V. Khristenko

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