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### Customs Union List of Imported Products under Phytosanitary Control

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**Report Highlights:**

The Customs Union phytosanitary regulations appear to reduce the number of processed products requiring phytosanitary certification compared with the former Russian regulations. However, a number of processed products are still included and the wording of the product descriptions remains confusing and lends itself to various interpretations.

## **General Information:**

In June 2010 the Customs Union approved a list of products which require phytosanitary certificates (Attachment 1 to the Decision of the Custom Union Committee # 318 of June 18, 2010).

The Customs Union list replaced the Russian list of imported products under quarantine and phytosanitary control<sup>[i]</sup>. The Customs Union list includes both commodities of high phytosanitary risk traditionally requiring phytosanitary certification such as grains as well as commodities of low phytosanitary risk such coffee and packing materials. Commodities in the first group require both the phytosanitary certificate issued by the exporting country and import quarantine permit issued by the respective authority of the importing country (Customs Union's country). Commodities in the group of low phytosanitary risk can be imported without an import quarantine permit, unless it is specially requested. The new list is an improvement as it excluded some grocery products in retail packages from phytosanitary control and moved several products from the high to low risk categories. However the majority of the products on the low risk group should not require a phytosanitary certificates as they do not pose a risk to plant health. The requirement for this certificate will disrupt trade with the United States as APHIS will not issue a phytosanitary certificate for products which do not pose plant health risks.

Most of these exemptions have already been made in the Russian List that was adopted in July 2009 and then recalled.

Some products remain in the group of high phytosanitary risk, whether these products are in retail packs or not:

- All nuts and fruits (custom codes 0801-0806, and 0813), whether these products are in bulk or packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package;
- All not-roasted coffee (from custom codes 0901 11 000 and 0901 12 000) and all not roasted or otherwise cooked peanuts (ground-nuts) (custom code 1201) are in the high risk group, whether or not these products are vacuum packed for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package;
- All firewood, wood waste, and sawdust is subject to phytosanitary control as high risk products, whether or not these products are in briquettes and pellets (custom codes 4401 10 000, 4401 21 000 0, 4401 22 000 0, 4401 30).

Some processed products also remain in the high phytosanitary risk group and require phytosanitary certificate and import quarantine permit:

- All wood products in custom code groups 4404 and 4407 are considered to be of high phytosanitary risk whether or not these products are treated with heat, paint, preservatives, or varnished;
- Meal and cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil, peanut oil, and other oils and fats, not in the form of pellets (from 2304 00 000, from 2305 00 000, and from 2306) are also considered to be of high phytosanitary risk. Meantime, meals and cakes in the form of pellets are not included in the list of products subject to phytosanitary control at all.

Please note, that Post’s comparisons of the Customs Union list and the Russian original list is not an official document. Information on import regulations and phytosanitary and quarantine requirements of the Customs Union can be found on the web-site <http://www.tsouz.ru/db/ettr/tnved/Pages/default.aspx>.

<sup>[i]</sup> In 2009 The Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance attempted to improve its former (December 2006) List of Products under Quarantine and Phytosanitary Control (GAIN RS9048\_\_ Imported Products Under Quarantine and Phytosanitary Control \_ Moscow \_ Russia \_ 7/23/2009), but then recalled the improved list and returned to 2006 version (GAIN RS9077 \_ VPSS Stepped Backward in the Border Phytosanitary Control – Moscow \_ Russian Federation – 12/2/2009)

**Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements:**

**List of Quarantine Products (goods, materials, and commodities) Under Phytosanitary Control at the Custom Border of the Custom Union**

Unofficial translation

Approved  
By the Customs Union Commission Decision of June 18, 2010

**LIST**

**of quarantine products (goods, materials, and commodities) subject to quarantine, phytosanitary control (supervision) at the customs border of the customs union and in the customs territory of the customs union**

Product Description	Tariff Code (TN VED) of the Customs Union *
<b>I. Regulated products (goods, materials, and commodities) of high phytosanitary risk</b>	
Live ticks, nematodes and insects for scientific purposes	From 0106 90 001 0
Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, and rhizomes, dormant, in growth or in flower; chicory plants and roots other than roots of heading 1212	0601
Other live plants (including their roots), cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn	0602 (except 0602 90 100 0)
Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh	0603 11 000 0 - 0603 19 800 0
Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, dried, except for dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared	From 0603 90 000 0
Christmas trees	0604 91 200 0
Branches of coniferous trees	0604 91 400 0

Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower buds, grasses, being goods of a kind suitable for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, without further preparation	0604 91 900 0 0604 99 100 0
Potatoes, fresh or chilled	0701
Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	0702 00.000
Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled	0703
Cabbages, cauliflower, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled, including borecole	0704
Lettuce ( <i>Lactuca sativa</i> ) and chicory ( <i>Cichorium</i> spp.) fresh or chilled	0705
Carrots, turnips, salad beets (salad beetroot), salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots, fresh or chilled	0706
Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled	0707 00
Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled	0708
Other vegetables, fresh or chilled*	0709
Sweet corn, hybrid, for sowing	0712 90 110 0
Dried leguminous vegetables, shelled, whether or not skinned or split	0713
Manioc, maranta, salep, Jerusalem artichoke, or Jerusalem artichokes, sweet potatoes or yams, and similar roots and tubers with high starch or inulin, fresh, chilled or dried, whole or sliced; sago	From 0714
Coconuts, brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled	0801
Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled	0802
Bananas and plantains, fresh or dried	0803 00
Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, or gamboge, fresh or dried	0804
Citrus fruit, fresh or dried	0805
Grapes, fresh or dried	0806
Melons (including watermelons) and papayas (papaws), fresh	0807
Apples, pears and quinces, fresh	0808
Apricots, cherries, peaches (including nectarines), plums (including prune plums) and sloes, fresh	0809
Other fruit, fresh	0810
Fruit, dried, other than that of headings 0801 to 0806; mixtures of nuts or dried fruits of this chapter	0813
Coffee, not roasted, with or without caffeine	From 0901 11 000 from 0901 12 000
Wheat and meslin	1001
Rye	1002 00 000 0
Barley	1003 00
Oats	1004 00.000.0
Corn	1005
Rice	1006

Grain sorghum	1007 00
Buckwheat, millet and canary seed; other cereals	1008
Wheat flour or wheat/rye flour	1101 00
Cereal flours other than of wheat or wheat/rye	1102
Cereal groats, meal and pellets (course grinding)	1103
Cereal grains otherwise worked (for example, hulled, rolled, flaked, pearled, sliced or kibbled), except rice of heading 1006; germ of cereals, whole, rolled, flaked or ground	1104
Flour, meal, and powder of the dried leguminous vegetables of heading 0713	1106 10 000 0
Malt, whether or not roasted	1107
Soybeans, whether or not broken	1201 00
Peanuts (ground-nuts), not roasted or otherwise cooked, whether or not shelled or broken	1202
Copra	1203 00 000 0
Flaxseed (linseed), whether or not broken	1204 00
Rape or colza seeds, whether or not broken	1205
Sunflower seeds, whether or not broken	1206 00
Other oil seeds and oleaginous fruits, whether or not broken	1207
Flours and meals of oil seeds or oleaginous fruits, other than those of mustard	1208
Seeds, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing	1209
Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruits), of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered	1211 (except 1211 30 000 0, 1211 40 000 0)
Sugar beet	1212 91
Locust beans, including seeds	1212 99 300 0 – 1212 99 490 0
Stones and kernels of apricots, peaches (including nectarines), or plums, chicory roots of the variety <i>Cichorium intybus sativum</i>	From 1212 99 700 0
Cereal straw and husks, unprepared, whether or not chopped or ground, pressed, not in the form of pellets	From 1213 00 000 0
Rutabagas (swedes), mangolds, fodder roots, hay, alfalfa (lucerne), clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products, not in the form of pellets	From 1214
Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted	1801 00 000 0
Cocoa shells, husks, skins, and other cocoa waste	1802 00 000 0
Bran, sharps (middlings) and other residues derived from the sifting, milling or other working of cereals or of leguminous plants, not in the form of pellets	From 2302
Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground, resulting from the extraction of soybean oil, not in the form of pellets	From 2304 00 000
Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground, resulting from the extraction of peanut oil, not in the form of pellets	From 2305 00 000 0
Oil-cake and other solid residues, whether or not ground, resulting from the extraction of vegetable oils and fats, except residues of headings 2304 and 2305,	From 2306

not in the form of pellets	
Soil and earth	From 2530 90 980 0
Peat, including peat crumb, agglomerated or not agglomerated	2703 00 000 0
Life phytopathogenic bacteria, viruses, only for scientific and research purposes	From 3002 90 500 0, from 3002 90 900 0
Animal or vegetable fertilizers, whether or not mixed together, treated or not treated with chemicals; fertilizers produced by the mixing of animal or vegetable products	From 3101 00 000 0
Firewood in the form of logs, billets, twigs, faggots or in similar types	4401 10 000
Wood waste of coniferous wood species	4401 21 000 0
Wood waste of hardwood species, except briquettes and pellets	4401 22 000 0
Sawdust, not agglomerated	From 4401 30
Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared, except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, or vanishes	4403 (except 4403 10 000)
Hoopwood; split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn length-wise; wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrellas, tool handles or the like; chipwood and the like. Except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, or varnishes.	From 4404
Tree bark	From 1404 90 000 0 from 4401 30 900 0
Railway or tramway sleepers (cross-ties) of wood, not impregnated	4406 10 000 0
Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6mm (.236 inch) (lumber)	4407
Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, molded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or edge-jointed, except treated with, paint, disinfectants, antiseptics and other preservatives	From 4409
Packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings, of wood; cable-rums of wood; pallets, box pallets and other load boards, of wood; pallet collars of wood, only those that are commercial batch of packing materials	From 4415
Formwork for concrete construction, except treated with paint, disinfectants, antiseptics and other preservatives	From 4418 40 000 0
Collections and collectors' pieces of zoological and botanical interest	From 9705 00 000 0
<b>II. Regulated products (goods, materials, and commodities) of low phytosanitary risk</b>	
Powder and waste from bird feathers and their parts	From 0505 90 000 0

Powder and waste from bones and corneous shrank	From 0506 90 000 0
Dried bulb onions, whole, cut, slices, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	0712 20 000 0
Dried mushrooms, whole, cut, slices, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	0712 31 000 0 0712 32 000 0 0712 33 000 0 0712 39 000 0
Other vegetables, vegetable mixtures, dried, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	0712 90, (except 0712 90 110 0)
Coffee roasted, not decaffeinated, except in packages for retail trade**	From 0901 21 000
Coffee roasted, decaffeinated, except in packages for retail trade**	From 0901 22 000
Coffee husks and skins	0901 90 100 0
Green tea (not fermented), except packed for retail trade**	0902 10 000, 0902 20 000 0
Black tea (fermented) and partially fermented, except packed for retail trade**	From 0902 30 000 0902 40 000 0
Mate, except packed for retail trade**	From 0903 00 000 0
Spices, except packed for retail trade**	From 0904-0910
Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily for plaiting (for example, bamboos, rattans, reeds, rushes, osier, raffia), except cleaned, bleached or dyed	From 1401
Cotton lint	1404 20 000 0
Vegetable materials of a kind used primarily in brooms or in brushes (for example, broomcorn, piassava, couch grass and istle), whether or not in hanks or bundles	From 1404 90 000 0
Vegetable products used primarily for dyeing and tanning	
Tapioca, except in pellets	From 1903 00 000 0
Spices, mixed	From 2103 90 900 9
Acorns and horse-chestnuts	From 2308 00 400 0
Products used in animal feeding, containing chloride choline, on organic basis	From 2309 90 950 0
Other products used in animal feeding, non-granulated	From 2309 90 990 0
Unmanufactured tobacco, tobacco refuse	2401
Henna and basma (not prepackaged for retail)	From 3203 00
Raw hides and skins of bovine (including buffalo) or equine animals, sheep or lambs (fresh, or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise preserved, but not	From 4101 from 4102

tanned, parchment-dressed or further prepared), whether or not with hair or wool on, whether or not dehaired or split, except excluded by Note 1b or 1c to Group 41 of the Customs Code of the Customs Union	from 4103
Sheets for veneering (including those obtained by slicing laminated wood), for plywood or for other similar laminated wood and other wood, sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded, spliced or end-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm, except treated with paint, disinfectants, antiseptics and other preservatives	From 4408
Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other coopers' products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves, except treated with paint, disinfectants, antiseptics and other preservatives	From 4416 00 000 0
Windows, French windows and their frames, except treated with paint, disinfectants, antiseptics and other preservatives	From 4418 10
Doors and their frames and thresholds, except treated with paint, disinfectants, antiseptics and other preservatives	From 4418 20
Shingles and shakes, except treated with paint, disinfectants, antiseptics and other preservatives	From 4418 50 000 0
Plaits and similar products of plaiting material, whether or not assembled into strips, except bleached, varnished, painted; mats, matting, screens from planting materials, except bleached, varnished, painted or treated with other preservatives	From 4601
Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles, made directly to shape, from planting materials, except bleached, varnished, painted or treated with other preservatives; articles of loofah, except bleached, varnished, painted or treated with other preservatives	From 4602
Corrugated paper and paperboard, whether or not perforated	4808 10 000 0
Cartons, boxes and cases, of corrugated paper or paperboard	From 4819 10 000 0
Silkworm cocoons suitable for reeling	5001 00 000 0
Silk waste (including cocoons unsuitable for reeling, yarn waste and garneted stock)	5003 00 000 0
Wool, not washed, including wool, washed in the fleece, not carded or combed	5101 11 000 0
Fine or coarse animal hair, not carded or combed	From 5102
Waste of wool or of fine animal hair, not carbonized	5103 10 100 0
Cotton, not carded or combed	5201 00
Cotton waste (including waste from spinning and loose material)	5202
Flax, not processed, not spun; flax tow and waste (including waste from spinning and loose material)	5301
True hemp ( <i>Cannabis sativa</i> L.), raw or soaked, not processed, not spun; tow and waste of true hemp (including waste from spinning and loose material)	5302
Jute fibers, raw or soaked, not processed, not spun; tow and waste of jute fibers (including waste from spinning and loose material)	5303
Coconut textile fiber, not spun, abaca ( <i>Manila hemp</i> or <i>Musa textilis</i> Nee) raw, not spun, ramie and other vegetable textile fibers, raw, not spun; sisal fibers and other textile fiber of <i>Agave</i> class, raw, not spun; noils and waste of these fibers (including waste from spinning and loose material)	5305 00 000 0

\*) Using of this List should be guided by the TN VED codes of the Customs Union as well the name of the product.

\*\*\*) Consumer package means a pack that gets products directly to consumer and is an integral part of the product, is not intended for independent transportation, and has limited mass, capacity and size (metal, glass and plastics cans, packages of laminated heat sealable materials based on aluminum foil and metalized film, vacuum bags, sealed packages of thick paper).