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### Draft Amendments to EAEU Food Labeling Regulation

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**Report Highlights:**

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), published draft amendments No. 1 to the EAEU Technical Regulation “On Food Products Labeling” for public comments. In particular, the draft specifies the criteria for legibility, adequacy and clarity of food labeling. The EEC’s comment period for this draft started on February 2, 2016, and will close on April 18, 2016.

As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with the National Institute of Standards and Technology at [ncsci@nist.gov](mailto:ncsci@nist.gov).

## **General Information**

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), the regulatory body of the Armenia-Belarus-Kazakhstan-Kyrgyzstan-Russia [Eurasian Economic Union](#) (EAEU), published the following draft amendments No. 1 to the EAEU Technical Regulation “On Food Products Labeling” for public comments on its website:

- [Draft Amendments No. 1 to the EAEU Technical Regulation "On Food Products Labeling"](#)

In particular, the draft specifies the criteria for legibility, adequacy and clarity of food labeling.

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

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For translation of the original EAEU Technical Regulation “On Food Products Labeling” please see GAIN report [RSATO1211 Customs Union Technical Regulations on Food Products Labeling](#).

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to Decision of the Council of the Eurasian  
Economic Commission

No. \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_

**Amendments to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union  
“On Food Products Labeling” (TR TS 022/2011)**

a) Paragraph 1 of part 4.12 shall read as follows:

“1. The labeling of food products envisaged by Clause 1 of Part 4.1 and Clause 1 of Part 4.2 of this Article shall be clear, legible, adequate and not misleading for consumers (purchasers); the inscriptions, signs, symbols shall be contrasting to the background to which the labeling is added. The way of applying a labeling shall provide its preservation during the whole shelf life of the food product if the storage conditions established by the manufacturer are observed.

The criterion of readability shall be the clarity and legibility of the font used in the labeling, standing out against any background, which allows to read (see) the text (image) from a distance (not less than 30-45 cm) without the use of optical devices (except glasses); the adequacy criterion shall be the possibility, among other things, to unambiguously identify the food products contained in consumer packaging; the criterion of clarity shall be the property of information on food products in the form of a text or an image to clearly convey the meaning by using common names and phrases, without the use of specialized scientific and technical terms, formulas and symbols.”

b) Paragraph 8 of part 4.12 after the words “contain images” shall be supplemented with the words “or text.”

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