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Report Highlights:

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published a draft document amending the CU the regulation on veterinary control. In particular, the amendment introduces requirements for replacement and bilateral veterinary certificates. There is a 60-day EEC public comment period, starting December 31, 2013, and ending March 10, 2014. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). As of the date of publication of this report, FAS/Moscow does not believe this measure has been notified to the World Trade Organization.

General Information

The Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published the following draft document on its website:

- [On Amending the Regulation on the Uniform Procedure for Veterinary Control at the Customs Border of the Customs Union and in the Customs Territory of the Customs Union.](#)

In particular, the amendment introduces requirements for replacement and bilateral veterinary certificates.

An unofficial English translation of the above-referenced draft document can be found below. There is a 60-day EEC public comment period, starting December 31, 2013, and ending March 10, 2014. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA's enquiry point (us.spsenquiry@fas.usda.gov). USDA, in turn, will share collected comments/concerns with the Eurasian Economic Commission.

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**EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION
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On Amending the Regulation on the Uniform Procedure for Veterinary Control at the Customs Border of the Customs Union and in the Customs Territory of the Customs Union

In accordance with Article 3 of the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Commission of November 18, 2011, the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council Decision No. 1 of November 18, 2011, and Article 7 of the Customs Union Agreement on Veterinary and Sanitary Measures of December 11, 2009, the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has resolved:**

1. To supplement item 2.1 with a sub-item 2.1.13 as follows:

“2.1.13. The competent authority of the exporting country - a state body of the exporting country, consisting of veterinarians and other professionals responsible for and competent in the supervision and (or) the animal welfare and animal health protection, as well as international veterinary certification.”

Item 3.8. shall be supplemented with the following text:

“Paper certificates must be signed by an official of the competent authority of the exporting country, and must have the stamp of this authority. Each page of the veterinary certificate must contain a unique certificate number and two numbers: the first - represents the page number, and the second - the total number of pages with the word “from” to be inserted between these numbers. The text of the veterinary certificate should not be changed, except for deletions as provided by the form of the veterinary certificate and other agreed cases. Such changes must be certified by a signature and a seal of the official issuing the veterinary certificate.

A veterinary certificate previously issued by an official may be replaced by a new veterinary certificate in case of its loss or damage, (availability of a technical error¹ or if part of the original information contained therein has changed, if changing of information is allowed².) Such replacement of a veterinary certificate must be made by the issuing authority. This certificate must be clearly marked to specify that it replaces the previously issued original. In case of replacement, the number and date of the

¹ The error is considered technical if it is made by the certifying person unintentionally, not due to a violation of the certification rules, and fixing the error does not change the characteristics of the shipment, which determine its suitability for the intended use and its compliance with the requirements established by the importing country.

² The information, whose change may lead to the issuance of a veterinary certificate replacing the previously issued one, includes the data inserted by the certifying person in any of the items in section 1 (shipment description) of the veterinary certificate, as well as characteristics of the epizootic situation in the exporting country, whose change should be reflected in the veterinary certificate, but should not make it impossible to export the consignment to the importing country.

veterinary certificate that is being replaced must be specified. The veterinary certificate that has been replaced must be canceled, and if possible, returned to the issuing authority.”

Item 3.9. shall be supplemented with the following paragraph:

“In case the controlled goods are imported into the customs territory of the Customs Union under a bilateral veterinary certificate agreed between the member-states and a third country, which has differing requirements or conditions of the import of the controlled goods into the territory of different member-states, the importing country ensures control over the circulation of the imported product so as to prevent its movement into the territory of the member-state (member-states), where its importation is prohibited, since its (their) requirements or conditions of entry into the territory differ from those of the importing country.”

2. The present Decision shall come into force 30 days after its official publication.

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