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### Imported Products Under Quarantine and Phytosanitary Control

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**Report Highlights:**

The Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (VPSS) updated the list of imported products that require VPSS's import quarantine permit. The new list comes into force on July 15, 2009. The new list is shorter than the previous one and excludes some non-agricultural products, agricultural deeply processed products, and some food products in retail packs.

**General Information:**

The Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (VPSS) has updated the list of imported agricultural and food commodities which require import quarantine permits issued by the VPSS<sup>[i]</sup>. The list consists of two product groups: commodities which require phytosanitary certificates from the exporting country, and commodities which do not require phytosanitary certificates from the exporting country in order to receive a import quarantine permit. Imports of these products to Russia are allowed only on the basis of VPSS's import quarantine permit<sup>[ii]</sup>. The new list was approved by the Deputy Head of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation, Aleksey I. Saurin, and was agreed upon with the Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service of the Russian Federation V. M. Malinin. The new list came into force on July 15, 2009, and the VPSS's officers at the border already received instructions on

the new requirements. The document is published among the “Documents” on the VPSS’s web-site <http://fsvps.ru/fsvps-docs/ru/vetlaw/fitocontrol/goods/quarantineprodlst.pdf>. All products are grouped in accordance with Russia’s Codes of Customs Nomenclature of Foreign Economic Activity of the Russian Federation (Russia’s VED Tariff Code) <sup>[iii]</sup>. Detailed description of products that require import quarantine permits and phytosanitary certificates and the summary of changes can also be found on the following web-site: <http://www.tks.ru/news/nearby/2009/07/14/0015>.

The major change in the new list compared with the previous one is the addition of “used means of transportation” (used cars, trucks, and other means of transportation from VED Code 87) to the list of products which need import quarantine permits. VPSS claims that since 2003 VPSS’s officers have found that various means of transportation carry different quarantine pests. However, importers of used cars consider that this measure has nothing to do with quarantine, but is a new tool to protect Russia’s domestic car market from imported used cars.

In respect to agricultural products the new list is shorter, and clearer than the previous one. The new list makes some small changes in the grouping of products, and in the requirements of wood products <sup>[iv]</sup>. The main improvement in the list is that it does not include some non-agricultural products; some deeply processed agricultural products, and some products in consumer packs. According to VPSS, products from these groups were excluded from the list based on quarantine monitoring since 2003.

Comparison of the new list with the previous one shows that the following products do not require import quarantine permits any more:

- insects, dead, dried (from VED Code 0511 99 809 9),
- flours, meals of fish, fit for human consumption (from 0305 10 000 0),
- roasted coffee in packages for retail trade (from 0901 22 000),
- flour, meal, powder, flakes of potato (from 1105),
- hop cones, not ground, not powdered, and not in pellets (1210 10 000 0),
- vegetable materials of a kind used primarily as stuffing or as padding (1402 00 000 0),
- protein concentrates and texturized proteins (2106 10),
- fine and coarse flour of meat and meat offal, except in pellets and greaves (from 2301 10 000 0),
- fine and coarse flour of fish or of crustaceans, mollusks or other water invertebrates (from 2301 10 000 0),
- natural sands of all kinds (2505),
- pebbles, gravel, broken or crushed stones (2517 10 100 0),
- soya isolates (from 3504 00 000 0),
- natural cork, raw or simply prepared (4501 10 000 0).
- protein and vitamin concentrates and protein premixes used for animal feeding (from 2309).

The new list stipulates that import permits are required only for products in the subgroups 2309 90 990 0 and 2309 90 990 0. Besides, phytosanitary certificates for products from these subgroups are not necessary.

Please note, that Post’s inventory of delisted products is not an official document. Information on all import regulations and requirements for certain products can be found on the web-site [www.tks.ru](http://www.tks.ru), and in consultations with companies that actually import these products. Usually this site is updated in accordance with the regulations issued by controlling authorities, i.e. VPSS,

although some inconsistencies may occur. The list below is the official document on products that will be subject to quarantine and phytosanitary regulations, and importers can refer to this list in cases of found inconsistencies.

<sup>[i]</sup> The information on the previous list of products that require import quarantine permits and phytosanitary certificates can be found in the GAIN RS7011 *Trade Policy Monitoring / List of Products that Require Quarantine and Phytosanitary Certificates*

<sup>[ii]</sup> For more information on border procedures at imports of agricultural and food products see GAIN RS8055 *FAIRS Country Report Annual, 2008*

<sup>[iii]</sup> These codes are close, but not identical, to the US Customs' Harmonized Code Numbers.

<sup>[iv]</sup> For more information on the wood products see GAIN RS9047 *Solid Wood products / Russia enforces ISPM-15 Guidelines*

**Government Certificate Legal Entry Requirements:**

The non-official translation of the updated list of quarantine products is given below:

*Begin translation:*

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**List of Quarantine Products (Materials, Cargoes)  
That Are Subject to the State Quarantine Phytosanitary Control**

Product Description	Tariff Code (TN VED) of the Russian Federation*
<b>I. Commodities that are imported on the basis of import quarantine permit and accompanied by phytosanitary certificate issued by the national organization on plant protection and quarantine of the exporting country**</b>	
Live ticks and nematodes for scientific purposes	From 0106 90 001 0
Insects, live	From 0106 90 009
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 spp.</i> ) 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
Cassava (manioc), for human consumption	0714 10 910 0
Sweet potatoes or batatas, fresh, whole, for food consumption	0714 20 100 0
Arrowroot, salep, and similar roots with high starch content, for human consumption, fresh	From 0714 90 110 0
Coconuts, brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled, except for packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0801
Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled, except for packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0802
Bananas and plantains, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0803 00
Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, or gamboge, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0804
Citrus fruit, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 0805
Grapes, fresh or dried, except for dried that are packed in consumer packs for retail trade, or in tinfoil, or in other vacuum package	From 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, except for packed in consumer packs for retail trade in tinfoil, in vacuum, or in other package	From 0813
Coffee, not roasted, with or without caffeine, except for vacuum packed for retail trade	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 meslin flour	1101
Cereal flours other than of wheat or meslin	1102
Cereal groats, meal and pellets (course grinding)	From 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, except for packed in consumer packs for retail trade in tinfoil, or in vacuum or in other package	From 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, not in the form of pellets	From 2306
Soil and earth for scientific purposes	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, not chemically treated; 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, except briquettes and pellets	4401 10 000
Wood waste of coniferous wood species, except briquettes and pellets	4401 21 000 0
Wood waste of hardwood species, except briquettes and pellets	4401 22 000 0
Sawdust, not agglomerated, except briquettes and pellets	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 varnishes	4403 (except 4403 10 000)
Hoopwood; split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; 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), except treated with heat, paint, preservatives, varnishes	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 heat, paint, preservatives, varnishes	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	4418 40 000 0
Collections and collectors' pieces of zoological and botanical interest	From 9705 00 000 0
<b>II. Commodities that are imported on the basis of import quarantine permit**</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 onions, whole, cut, slices, broken or in powder, but not further prepared	0712 20 000 0
Dried mushrooms	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	From 0902 10 000
Other green tea (not fermented)	0902 20 000 0
Black tea (fermented) and partially fermented, except packed for retail trade	From 0902 30 000
Other black tea (fermented) and partially fermented	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	From 1404 90 000 0
Raw sugar, cane	1701 11 100
Raw sugar, beet	1701 12 100
Tapioca, except in pellets	From 1903 00 000 0
Spices, mixed, except packed for retail trade	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, other raw hides and skins (fresh, or salted, dried, limed, pickled or otherwise preserved, but not tanned, parchment-dressed or further prepared), whether or not with wool on, whether or not dehaired or split	From 4101-4103
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	4408
Casks, barrels, vats, tubs and other coopers' products and parts thereof, of wood, including staves	4416 00 000 0
Windows, French windows and their frames	4418 10
Doors and their frames and thresholds	4418 20
Shingles and shakes	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	From 4601
Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles, made directly to shape, from planting materials; articles of loofah	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, 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 (Manila hemp or Musa textilis Nee) raw, not spun, ramie and other vegetable textile fibers, raw, not spun; sisal fibers and other textile fiber of Agave class, raw, not spun; noils and waste of these fibers (including waste from spinning and loose material)	5305 00 000 0
Used means of transportation	8701 20 90 8701 90 500 0 8702 10 19 8702 10 99 8702 90 19 8702 90 39 8703 21 90 8703 22 90 8703 23 90 8703 24 90 8703 31 90 8703 32 90 8703 33 90 8704 21 390 8704 21 990 8704 22 990 8704 23 990 8704 31 390 8704 31 990 8704 32 990 8705 10 009 5 8705 20 000 5 8705 30 000 5 8705 40 000 5 8705 90 100 5 8705 90 300 5 8705 90 900 5 8705 90 900 5 8716 39 800
<p>* Specification "From..." in this column means that the certification and permits' requirements are not applied to all commodities that are classified in accordance with this code. In these cases it is necessary to be guided by more detailed description of the specific commodity in the code's group</p> <p>** On the results of the state quarantine phytosanitary control the controllers draw up a statement (Act of the state quarantine phytosanitary control), which shows the results of this control</p>	

1. At exports of quarantine products (quarantine materials, quarantine cargoes) from the territory of the Russian Federation phytosanitary certificates for these products are issued in accordance with the phytosanitary regulations of the National organizations on plant protection and quarantine.

2. If the [exported] products are not included in the list, the phytosanitary certificate for these products (material, cargo) are issued on the official request of the national organization on plant protection and quarantine of the importing country.

3. Wood packaging and fixture material, exported from the territory of the Russian Federation, including packaging material for products, that are not included in the list, must contain labeling that is in compliance with ISPM #15 “Guidelines for regulating wood packing material in international trade” (Rome, 2002).

4. Transport means and transport facilities, including containers, used for shipments of quarantine products, as well as those which may carry quarantine pests, are subject to mandatory cleaning and disinfection, and if needed, in compliance with the rules and norms for ensuring plant quarantine according to Article 9 of the Federal Law # 99-FZ “On Plant Quarantine enacted July 15, 2000”.

*End translation*

**Comments:**

The new list is shorter than the previous one and excludes some non-agricultural and agricultural processed products and some food products in retail packages. However, this list still gives the controlling officers at the border vast interpretation authorities. For example, if the tariff code is specified as “from...”, the final decision to what code group the given commodity belongs is left to the discretion of local or headquarters’ quarantine authorities. In many cases the product descriptions are written in a vague and confusing manner, thereby decreasing transparency.

Besides phyto certificates many products in the list also require veterinary and sanitary certificates. These requirements are stipulated in other documents developed by the VPSS and Russian Customs (veterinary certificates), and the Russian Federal Service for Consumer Rights Protection and Human Well-being and Russian Customs (sanitary certificates). More detailed information on the documents required for imports can be found in the Annual FAIRS reports.