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Report Highlights:

On January 8, 2014, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of draft amendments to the Russia-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union's Technical Regulation "On Safety of Grain" via WTO notification [G/TBT/N/RUS/30](#). There is a public comment period starting December 6, 2013, and ending February 27, 2014. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with the U.S. government (National Institute of Standards and Technology) at ncsci@nist.gov.

General Information:

On December 6, 2013, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC), which is the regulatory body of the Russian-Kazakhstan-Belarus Customs Union (CU), published the following draft document on its web-site:

- [Draft Amendments to the CU Technical Regulation "On Safety of Grain" \(TR TS 015/2011\).](#)

On January 8, 2014, Russia notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of the above referenced draft amendments via WTO notification [G/TBT/N/RUS/30](#). The public comment period for this notification ends on February 27, 2014. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and concerns with the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) at ncsci@nist.gov. NIST, in turn, will share collected comments/concerns with the Eurasian Economic Commission.

The unofficial English translation of the above referenced draft amendments can be found below. These amendments refer to the description of rapeseed. Please note that being translated into English, the language is not changed from the previous one. "Grain" of rapeseed was already translated as "seeds" of rapeseed.

These are the second in 2013 draft amendment to the CU Technical Regulation "On Safety of Grain" published for comments. The first Draft Amendments were published for comments on April 29, 2013, and the comment period ended on June 30, 2013. FAS/Moscow reported on that draft in [Draft Amendments to CU Technical Regulation on Safety of Grain 5-8-2013.pdf](#). So far the drafted amendments dated back April 29, 2013 have not been adopted by the EEC. For translation of the original CU Technical Regulation on Safety of Grain (TR CU 015/2011) adopted by the CU Commission Decision No. 874 of December 9, 2011, and in effect since July 1, 2013, please see FAS/Moscow report [Customs Union Technical Regulation on Safety of Grain](#).

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Attachment
to the Decision of the Council
of the Eurasian Economic Commission
No. __ of "__" _____ 2013

Amendments
to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union
"On Safety of Grain" (TR CU 015/2011)

1. In Annex 1 to the technical regulation:
the text in column "Characteristics" for "Rapeseed" shall read as follows:

Name	Characteristics
Rapeseed	Seeds are small-size, spherical with a fine-meshed surface, black, grayish-black or dark brown in color, diameter of 1.5-2.5 mm.

2. In the text of Annex 6 to the technical regulation the words "rapeseed (grain)" to replace

with “rapeseed (seeds)”.

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