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### New Procedures for Destruction of Banned Food Products

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**Report Highlights:**

On July 31, 2015, the Russian Government adopted Decree #774 which lays out procedures for the destruction of banned food and agricultural products from the United States, European Union, Canada, Norway and Australia found within the Russian Federation. The new procedures will go into effect on August 6, 2015, and include requirements that the destruction be video-taped and witnessed by at least two individuals.

**General Information:**

In accordance with Order #391 of the President of the Russian Federation dated July 29, 2015, <http://kremlin.ru/events/president/news/50074> the Russian Government adopted the following Resolution (<http://government.ru/docs/19113/>) on destruction of banned food and agricultural products that are found within the Russian Federation.

**Unofficial Translation follows:****GOVERNMENT OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Resolution #774 of July 31, 2015

**MOSCOW**

On approval of the rules of the destruction of agricultural products, raw materials and food included in the list of agricultural products, raw materials and foodstuffs originating from the United States, European Union, Canada, Australia and the Kingdom of Norway, and that until August 5, 2016 (inclusive) are prohibited in the Russian Federation

The Government of the Russian Federation decrees:

1. In order to implement the provisions of the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation of July 29, 2015 #391 "On certain special economic measures applied to ensure the security of the Russian Federation" to approve the attached rules of destruction of agricultural products, raw materials and food included in the List of agricultural products, raw materials and foodstuffs originating from the United States, European Union, Canada, Australia and the Kingdom of Norway and that until August 5, 2016 (inclusive) are prohibited to be imported into the Russian Federation, which is approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation dated August 7, 2014 . #778 "On measures to implement the decrees of the President of the Russian Federation dated August 6, 2014 #560 and on June 24, 2015 #320".
2. The implementation of the present Resolution is performed by the relevant federal bodies of executive power within the limits of the number of employees of these bodies determined by the Government of the Russian Federation, as well as within the federal budget allocation to these bodies for management and administration in the set functions.
3. This decision shall enter into force on August 6, 2015

Russian Prime Minister  
Dmitry Medvedev

**Rules Approved by the Government of the Russian Federation of July 31, 2015 #774**

RULES of the destruction of agricultural products, raw materials and food included in the list of agricultural products, raw materials and food originating from the United States, European Union, Canada, Australia and the Kingdom of Norway, and that until August 5, 2016 (inclusive) are prohibited

to be imported into the Russian Federation

1. These rules prescribe the procedures for the destruction of agricultural products, raw materials and food included in the List of agricultural products, raw materials and food originating from the United States, European Union, Canada, Australia and the Kingdom of Norway and that until August 5, 2016 (inclusive) are prohibited to be imported into the Russian Federation, approved by the Resolution of the Government of the Russian Federation dated August 7, 2014 #778 "On measures to implement the decrees of the President of the Russian Federation dated August 6, 2014 #560 and June 24, 2015 #320" (hereinafter – banned for import products), whether or not the identity of a person (persons) in charge of foreign economic operations involving import into the Russian Federation of banned products is established.
2. Products banned for imports are subject to immediate withdrawal and destruction after the execution of the act (protocol) on the fact of withdrawal.
3. The decision on the withdrawal and destruction of banned products is made by the authorized officials of the Federal Customs Service and the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance, or the Federal Service for Supervision of Consumer Rights Protection and Human Welfare (hereinafter - the authorized officials), within their competence, which detected the fact of the foreign economic transactions involving the importation into the territory of the Russian Federation of banned products.

Lists of authorized officers are approved by the above mentioned federal executive authorities.

4. Destruction of banned products is made in the presence of at least two disinterested persons. Destruction shall be fixed by video, photography and filming with the date and the time of the execution of filming.
5. The destruction of banned to import products shall be filed under the act, which is made by an authorized officer who adopted the decision, with the attached materials with video, photography and filming in accordance with paragraph 4 of this Regulation.

The act of destruction of banned for import products shall specify the type and quantity of goods prohibited for import, place, date, time and manner of its destruction, as well as information about the disinterested persons. Act is signed by the authorized official and stamped by federal executive authority referred to in paragraph 3 of these Rules with the stamp (if available at the official), as well as signed by disinterested parties and signed by the person (s) involved in the transport or storage or maintenance of banned products, or person (s), which have the right of ownership or any other legal rights on the banned products.

In case of refusal of the person (s) carrying out the transportation or storage or maintenance of banned products, or the person who has the right of ownership or other legal rights on the banned products, to sign the certificate of destruction of banned for import products and (or) to attend the destruction, then the appropriate entry in the act is made.

6. The destruction of the banned for import products is carried out in any possible way in line with the mandatory requirements envisaged in the legislation in the field of environmental protection, on the basis of the certificate of destruction of banned for import products.