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Draft Amendments to CU Technical Regulation on Milk Safety

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Report Highlights:

New draft amendments to the Customs Union Technical Regulation on Safety of Milk and Dairy Products (TR TS 033/2013) were posted on the Russian Government website for public review at <http://regulation.gov.ru/>. There is a public comment period starting September 18, 2015 and ending October 15, 2015. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA via the point of contact specified below.

The Draft Amendments are at the very first stage of review; FAS/Moscow expects these measures to be notified to the World Trade Organization only if they are published as official EAEU Draft Amendments.

General Information:

On September 18, 2015 new draft amendments to the Customs Union Technical Regulation “On Milk and Dairy Products” (TR TS 033/2013) were posted on the Russian Government website for public review at <http://regulation.gov.ru/>:

- [Draft Amendments to the CU Technical Regulation "On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products" \(TR TS 033/2013\)](#)

The amendments update the requirements for labeling dairy products containing non-dairy components, in particular palm-oil, since Russian officials have criticized the growing use of palm-oil in dairy products. After consideration in Russia, the Draft shall be passed for further consideration at the EAEU level. According to the Draft, it is planned that the amendments will come into effect in 180 calendar days after official publication. FAS/Moscow anticipates the earliest when the Decision may come into force is the last quarter of 2016.

There is a public comment period starting September 18, 2015 and ending October 15, 2015. Interested U.S. parties are encouraged to share their comments and/or concerns with USDA at AgMoscow@fas.usda.gov by October 8, 2015. An unofficial English translation of the above-referenced draft amendments can be found below.

As of the date of publication of this report, these measures have been notified to the World Trade Organization. FAS/Moscow expects the measures to be notified to the World Trade Organization only if they are published as official EAEU Draft Amendments.

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**Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission
Decision**

**Amendments
to the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union
“On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products”
(TR CU 033/2013)**

In accordance with Article 52 of the Agreement on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, and p. 29 of the Attachment # 1 to the Rules of Procedure of the Eurasian Economic Commission approved by the Decision # 98 of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council dated December 23, 2014 the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission **has decided**:

1. To amend clause 82 of the Technical Regulation of the Customs Union “On Safety of Milk and Dairy Products” approved by the Decision # 67 of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission with new second and third paragraphs as follows:

“The names of the milk-containing products shall use the terms, characterizing the specific composition of the raw materials used in the product (marking the mass fraction of milk fat substitute (in percent), including those manufactured with use of palm-oil); the method of heat treatment and specific treatments (if the treatment was used). The label and (or) the front of the consumer package shall carry the words “Product contains palm oil” if a milk-containing product contains palm-oil or milk-fat substitute, produced with use of palm-oil.

Information characterizing specific composition of the raw materials of the milk-containing product, including information about palm oil or milk fat substitute manufactured with use of palm-oil in a milk-containing product shall be displayed on the area no less than 30 percent of the total area of the label and (or) the front of the consumer package. Information shall be printed in black capital letters on the white background with bold, clear, easily readable font of the maximum size. Line spacing shall not exceed the font height. Information shall be evenly distributed within the framed area.

2. The Decision shall enter into force on the 180th calendar day following its official publication.

Members of the Eurasian Economic Council

On behalf of
the Republic
of Armenia

On behalf of
the Republic
of Belarus

On behalf of
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Kazakhstan

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