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Report Highlights:

On August 21, 2017, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published Decision No. 97 of August 18, 2017, establishing tariff-rate quotas (TRQs) and respective volumes for imports of meat, poultry, and whey into the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU). Unchanged from 2017, Russia's TRQ volumes appear consistent with its WTO commitments. Belarus and Kazakhstan TRQ volumes also remained unchanged. In addition to pork and poultry TRQs from 2017, Kyrgyzstan received a TRQ for beef in 2018. As in 2017, no TRQs were established for Armenia in 2018.

General Information:

On August 21, 2017, the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) published <u>Decision 97</u>, "On Establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of Certain Agricultural Goods into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU¹) in 2018, as well as Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of these Goods in the Territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States."

The Russian TRQ volumes for 2018 will be the same as in 2017, which appear to be consistent with its WTO commitments. As in the previous years, the EEC Decision on 2018 TRQs does not specify country-specific allocations for Russia but rather leaves it up to the country to "ensure distribution of the tariff-rate quotas established by the present Decision among third countries in accordance with Russian legislation and Russia's commitments within the framework of the World Trade Organization."

The 2018 TRQ volumes for Belarus and Kazakhstan are unchanged from 2017, while the Kyrgyz Republic will enjoy a new TRQ of 3.5 thousand MT for fresh, chilled, and frozen beef in 2018. The pork and poultry 2018 TRQs for the Kyrgyz Republic will remain the same as in 2017 at 3.5 and 58.0 thousand MT, respectively.

EEC Decision No. 97 of August 18, 2017, does not establish any TRQs for Armenia since it has lower WTO bound tariff rates than the EAEU TRQ tariff rates and has negotiated step-by-step increases through 2022².

The proposed TRQ allocations will enter into force 30 days from the date of the decision's official publication, i.e., September 21, 2017).

¹ For details on the Eurasian Economic Union, please see GAIN report <u>RS1611 Eurasian Economic Union One Year On.</u>

² See AM1501 Transitional Import Tariffs for Armenia in EAEU until 2022.

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EURASIAN ECONOMIC COMMISSION COLLEGIUM

DECISION

August 21, 2017 **No. 97** Moscow

On Establishment of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of Certain Agricultural Goods into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2018, as well as Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas for Import of these Goods in the Territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States

In accordance with articles 44 and 45 of the Treaty on the Eurasian Economic Union of May 29, 2014, Annexes No. 6 and 7 thereto, and the Agreement on the Functioning of the Customs Union within the Framework of the Multilateral Trade System of May 19, 2011, the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission has **decided:**

- 1. For certain types of agricultural goods, imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2018, to establish tariff-rate quotas and volumes of tariff-rate quotas for the import of these goods in the territories of the Eurasian Economic Union member states according to the attachment (hereinafter the tariff-rate quotas).
- 2. To establish that the tariff-rate quotas shall apply to agricultural goods imported into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union and placed under the customs procedure of release for domestic consumption, with the exception of goods originating in and imported from the CIS member states.
- 3. The Russian Federation shall ensure distribution of the volume of the tariff-rate quotas among third countries in accordance with the legislation of the Russian Federation and commitments of the Russian Federation within the framework of the World Trade Organization.
 - 4. Eurasian Economic Union member states shall:

Implement distribution of the volumes of the tariff-rate quotas among foreign trade participants in accordance with their legislation;

Instruct the authorized executive bodies to issue licenses for the import of goods, specified in item 1 of the present Decision.

5. This Decision shall enter into force 30 calendar days from the date of its official publication.

Chairman of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission T. Sargsyan

ATTACHMENT to Decision of the Collegium of the Eurasian Economic Commission

No. 97 of August 18, 2017

Certain Types of Agricultural Goods to be Imported into the Customs Territory of the Eurasian Economic Union in 2018, which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas, and the Volume of the Tariff-Rate Quotas for 2018 for the Import of these Goods in the Territories of the Eurasian Economic Union Member States

Goods which are Subject to Tariff-Rate Quotas		Volumes of Tariff-Rate Quotas (thousand MT)					
Product Name	EAEU HS Code	Republic of Armenia	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Kyrgyz Republic	Russian Federation	
Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled	0201 10 000 1, 0201 20 200 1, 0201 20 300 1, 0201 20 500 1, 0201 20 900 1, 0201 30 000 4					40.0	
Meat of bovine animals, frozen	0202 10 000 1, 0202 20 100 1, 0202 20 300 1, 0202 20 500 1, 0202 20 900 1, 0202 30 100 4, 0202 30 500 4, 0202 30 900 4	0.0	0.0	21.0	3.5	530.0	
Pork, fresh, chilled, and frozen	0203 11 100 1, 0203 11 900 1, 0203 12 110 1, 0203 12 190 1, 0203 12 900 1, 0203 19 110 1, 0203 19 130 1, 0203 19 150 1, 0203 19 550 1, 0203 19 590 1, 0203 19 900 1, 0203 21 100 1, 0203 21 900 1, 0203 22 110 1, 0203 22 190 1, 0203 22 900 1, 0203 29 110 1, 0203 29 130 1, 0203 29 150 1, 0203 29 550 1, 0203 29 590 1, 0203 29 900 1	0.0	20.0	0.0	3.5	400.0	
Pork trimmings*	0203 29 550 2, 0203 29 900 2					30.0	
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105,							

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Product Name	EAEU HS Code	Republic of Armenia	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Kyrgyz Republic	Russian Federation	
fresh, chilled, or frozen:							
Frozen bone-in chicken halves or quarters and frozen bone-in chicken legs and cuts thereof	0207 14 200 1, 0207 14 600 1		0.0	128.0		250.0	
Deboned chicken meat, fresh or chilled Frozen deboned	0207 13 100 1		10.0			0.0	
chicken meat	0207 14 100 1					100.0	
Deboned turkey meat, fresh or chilled	0207 26 100 1		0.9			0.0	
Frozen deboned turkey meat	0207 27 100 1					110	
Frozen cuts of bone- in turkey	0207 27 300 1, 0207 27 400 1, 0207 27 600 1, 0207 27 700 1	0.0	0.0		58.0	14.0	
Meat and edible byproducts of poultry under heading 0105, fresh, chilled, or frozen, not specified above	0207 11 100 1, 0207 11 300 1, 0207 11 900 1, 0207 12 100 1, 0207 12 900 1, 0207 13 200 1, 0207 13 300 1, 0207 13 400 1, 0207 13 500 1, 0207 13 600 1, 0207 13 700 1, 0207 13 910 1, 0207 13 990 1, 0207 14 300 1, 0207 14 400 1, 0207 14 500 1, 0207 14 990 1, 0207 14 910 1, 0207 14 990 1, 0207 24 100 1, 0207 24 900 1, 0207 25 100 1, 0207 25 900 1, 0207 26 200 1,		0.0	12.0		0.0	

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	0207 26 300 1, 0207 26 400 1, 0207 26 500 1, 0207 26 600 1, 0207 26 700 1, 0207 26 800 1, 0207 26 910 1, 0207 26 990 1, 0207 27 200 1, 0207 27 500 1, 0207 27 800 1, 0207 27 910 1, 0207 27 990 1, 0207 41 200 1, 0207 41 300 1, 0207 41 800 1, 0207 42 300 1, 0207 44 800 1, 0207 44 210 1, 0207 44 310 1, 0207 44 210 1, 0207 44 510 1, 0207 44 810 1, 0207 44 810 1, 0207 44 990 1, 0207 44 910 1, 0207 44 910 1, 0207 45 100 1, 0207 45 100 1, 0207 45 610 1, 0207 45 930 1, 0207 45 930 1, 0207 45 950 1, 0207 45 990 1, 0207 45 950 1, 0207 45 990 1, 0207 51 100 1, 0207 52 900 1, 0207 52 100 1, 0207 52 900 1,			Kazakhstan	Republic	Federation			
	0207 53 000 1, 0207 54 100 1, 0207 54 210 1, 0207 54 310 1, 0207 54 410 1, 0207 54 510 1, 0207 54 610 1, 0207 54 710 1, 0207 54 810 1, 0207 54 910 1, 0207 54 990 1, 0207 55 100 1,								

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Product Name	EAEU HS Code	Republic of Armenia	Republic of Belarus	Republic of Kazakhstan	Kyrgyz Republic	Russian Federation	
	0207 55 210 1, 0207 55 310 1, 0207 55 410 1, 0207 55 510 1, 0207 55 610 1, 0207 55 710 1, 0207 55 810 1, 0207 55 930 1, 0207 55 950 1, 0207 55 990 1, 0207 60 050 1, 0207 60 100 1, 0207 60 210 1, 0207 60 310 1, 0207 60 410 1, 0207 60 510 1, 0207 60 610 1, 0207 60 810 1, 0207 60 910 1, 0207 60 990 1						
Certain types of whey and modified whey, in powder, granules, or other solid forms, not containing sugar or other sweetening matter	0404 10 120 1, 0404 10 160 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.0	

^{*} Pork trimmings can be imported both as part of the tariff-rate quota established for pork trimmings and the tariff-rate quota established for pork.

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