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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	**Notifying Member:** RUSSIAN FEDERATION **If applicable, name of local government involved:**
2.	**Agency responsible:** Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation
3.	**Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):** HS Code(s): 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 15, 16, 23, 41, 42, 43, 51.
4.	**Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:** **[X] All trading partners** **[ ] Specific regions or countries:**
5.	**Title of the notified document:** Draft of the Federal Law on veterinary practices **Language(s):** Russian **Number of pages:** 111 http://www.mcx.ru/documents/file_document/v7_show/24457..htm
6.	**Description of content:** This document introduces the following: I. Secure of the basic functions of the federal executive bodies in the sphere of veterinary: - development and implementation of state policy, legal regulation in the sphere of veterinary; - organization and conduction of epizootic monitoring in Russia and veterinary safety monitoring of controlled goods, except in cases established by the draft law; - establishment of procedures for issuing of the veterinary certificates; - establishment and abolition of restrictive measures and (or) quarantine on the territory of the Russian Federation in case of rise and (or) spread of infectious diseases of animals, except for the cases established by the draft law, establishment of restrictive measures and (or) quarantine on the territory of two or more subjects of the Russian Federation in case of rise and (or) spread of infectious animal diseases; - establishment of a federal state information system in the sphere of veterinary and ensuring its functioning; - confirmation of the National plan of anti-epizootic measures against infectious diseases of animals and provision of medicines and drugs for veterinary use; - introduction of restrictions on import to the Russian Federation, export from the Russian Federation and transit through the territory of the Russian Federation of the controlled goods; - distribution of permits for import, export and transit of controlled goods in accordance with the legislation of the Customs Union within the Eurasian Economic Community;

- conduction of studies of production facilities located in foreign countries and implementation of keeping, breeding, cultivation and sale of controlled products imported to the territory of the Customs Union, as well as transported from the territory of one Member State of the Customs Union to the territory of another member, register-keeping of mentioned goods assessment of foreign authorities conducting veterinary supervision, in order to identify opportunities to ensure the safety of controlled goods in accordance with the legislation of the Customs Union within the Eurasian Economic Community and international legislation;
- implementation of state veterinary control (supervision) on the main domestic rail, road, sea (river) and air directions of animals transportation, controlled goods and their transport routes;
- conduction of studies of production facilities, located in the territory of the Russian Federation, for compliance with the mandatory requirements of states or groups of states, register-keeping of production facilities corresponding to the specified requirements;
- implementation of state veterinary control of imported and exported controlled goods to the customs union territory at checkpoints across the state border of the Russian Federation in accordance with veterinary requirements;
- state accreditation of laboratories for laboratory research in the sphere of veterinary and inspection control of their activities;
- conduction of veterinary and veterinary and sanitary examination and secure of veterinary certificates for controlled goods imported and exported to the Customs Union;
- registration of drugs for veterinary use as feed additives, as well as GMO organisms used for the production of feed and feed additives, has not been previously registered in another Member State of the Customs Union;
- register-keeping of registered products for veterinary use, the State register of feed additives;
- inspection control over the activities of veterinary experts;
- monitoring of the veterinary-sanitary status of road transport, ships, aircraft, cars, containers, warehouses, quarantine database, loading and unloading areas and other special areas, disinfection and washing facilities, as well as the collection and disposal of separations in the sea (river) air, rail and road crossings;
- decision on awarding the animal health status of the production facilities;
- organization and conduction of the federal executive bodies in the field of defense, internal affairs, of Corrections, Public Safety and Security to subordinate objects;
- cooperation with international organizations and foreign governments in the sphere of veterinary.

II. Delegation the following powers to the executive authorities in the veterinary sphere of the subjects of the Russian Federation:

- implementation of state veterinary control (supervision), except for the cases specified in paragraphs 11, 12, 22 of Article 6 of the draft law.

III. Secure of the basic functions of the executive authorities of the Russian Federation in the sphere of veterinary:

- organization of providing veterinary activities, including veterinary examination, veterinary and sanitary examination, issuing of veterinary certificates for controlled goods, except for cases relating to the powers of the Russian Federation referred to in paragraphs 15 and 22 of Article 6 of the draft law;
- organization of measures for prevention, diagnostics and elimination of animal diseases, their treatment, compartmentalization, protection of the population against diseases common to humans and animals, with the exception for cases relating to the powers of the Russian Federation referred to in paragraph 22 of Article 6 of the draft law;

- withdrawal of controlled goods infectious animal diseases extinguishing hotbeds on the territory of the subject of the Russian Federation, with compensation of their costs, with the exception for cases relating to the powers of the Russian Federation referred to in paragraph 22 of Article 6 of the draft law.

Provisions of the draft affect the interests of legal entities and individual entrepreneurs and citizens involved in animal handling and animal products.

The draft will help to improve the legal regulation of relations in the sphere of social relations, as well as the elimination of excessive administrative barriers for businesses, operating in the field of veterinary.

The draft will also increase the level of responsibility and professional training of veterinary experts that will create the conditions for more effective enforcement of epizootic and veterinary-sanitary conditions in the Russian Federation.

7. Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [X] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [X] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.

8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:

[ ] Codex Alimentarius Commission *(e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text)*

[X] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) *(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)* The Terrestrial Code Chapter 3.4; the Aquatic Code Chapter 3.1 and Chapter 3.2.

[ ] International Plant Protection Convention *(e.g. ISPM number)*

[ ] None

Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?
[X] Yes [ ] No

If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: Not known.

10. Proposed date of adoption *(dd/mm/yy)*: Not known.

Proposed date of publication *(dd/mm/yy)*: 2015

11. Proposed date of entry into force: [ ] Six months from date of publication, and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 2015

[X] Trade facilitating measure

12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or *(dd/mm/yy)*: 9 January 2015

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