

## DECISION

15 July 2011 № **726** Moscow

## On veterinary measures:

Commission of the Customs Union has **decided**:

1. Introduce the following amendments into the section «Final and transitional provisions» of the Common veterinary (veterinary-sanitary) requirements, presented to the goods that are subjected to veterinary control (supervision) approved by the Decision of CU Commission of June 18, 2010 # 317 (hereinafter – Requirements):

in point 4 figure "2012" replace with figure "2013";

add after the words "1 July 2010" the phrase "as well as any subsequent amendment to them, agreed the Party and exporting countries based on agreed position of other Parties";

add points 5 -7 section to this decision as follows:

"5. Competent authorities of Parties to negotiate and agree to veterinary certificates that differ from the Common Forms of Veterinary Certificates on imported goods under control into the customs territory of the Customs Union from third countries approved by the Decision of CU Commission Nr 607 of April 7, 2011 (hereinafter - common forms of veterinary certificates) and specific provisions of these Requirements with competent authorities of exporting countries that make a substantiated request for such negotiations.

Maintain the validity (use) of veterinary certificates initialed by one of the Parties before 1 July 2010, as well as any, subsequent amendments to such a certificate, agreed between the authorized body of the Parties, for imports of controlled goods into the territory of the Customs Union with exporting countries that have substantially requested to negotiate veterinary certificates that differ from the Common forms of veterinary certificates and specific provisions of these Requirements until agreement is reached based on the agreed

position of other Parties, if such request is submitted to the Customs Union Commission by 1 January 2013.

6. Maintain the validity (use) of veterinary certificates initialed by one of the Parties and an exporting country in the period from 1 July 2010 to 1 December 2010 for import and circulation exclusively in the territory of that Party that differ from the Common forms of veterinary certificates until 1 January 2013.

Maintain the validity (use) of veterinary certificates initialed by authorized body of one of the Parties between 1 July 2010 and 1 December 2010 for import and circulation exclusively in the territory of that Party, with the competent authority of exporting countries that have substantially requested to negotiate veterinary certificates that differ from the Common forms of veterinary certificates and specific provisions of these Requirements until agreement is reached, based on the agreed positions of other Parties, if such request is submitted to the Customs Union Commission by 1 January 2013.

- 7. Veterinary certificates are agreed on the basis of consensus by authorized bodies of the Parties and by the competent body of the exporter country and shall ensure the level of protection as determined by the CU Parties. "
- 2. Charge the Secretary of the Commission of the Customs Union to prepare the schedule of carrying out by working group «Veterinary-sanitary measures» consultations with veterinary services of trading partners for discussion of Common veterinary (veterinary-sanitary) requirements and Common forms of veterinary certificates. If necessary, including demand from veterinary services of third countries, working group «Veterinary-sanitary measures» to make changes and additions in specified schedule of consultations.

## **3.** Parties:

- **3.1.** Negotiating a veterinary certificate with a third country that has terms that differ from the Common form of Veterinary Certificate adopted by the Customs Union Commission shall ensure that such certificate has terms that are no less favourable than those in an international treaty including provisions on the relevant product that was concluded prior to 1 July 2010 between a Party and the exporting country.
- **3.2.** Develop common veterinary (veterinary-sanitary) requirements and common forms of veterinary certificates concerning production where no Customs Union requirements exist, and work on changes and additions to common forms of veterinary certificates and veterinary (veterinary-sanitary) requirements on the bases of international

standards, established by the World organization of animal health and the Commission of «Codex Alimentarius».

3.3. Provide for preparation of amendments to the Regulation on uniform procedure of carrying out joint inspections/audits of objects and sampling of goods (produce), subjected to veterinary control approved by the Decision of CU Commission of June 18, 2010 # 317, specifying (detailing) procedures and criteria for carrying out joint inspections, agreement of the results and introduction of organizations into the register of organizations of third countries for confirmation by the Commission of the Customs Union in September 2011. Drafts of specified documents have to be presented for public discussion no later than 1 July 2011.

## **Members of the Commission of the Customs Union:**

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