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Russian ban on the import of agricultural products from the EU



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Following the Russian Federation's President's Decree, the Russian Government has published a Resolution on 8 August 2014 imposing a one-year import ban on various agricultural products, raw materials and foodstuffs originating from the European Union (EU), the United States, Canada, Australia or Norway.

Further to the above, as of 8 August 2014, it will thus no longer be possible to import the following products into the Russian Federation, if these products are originating in the said countries (amongst which all the EU Member States):

Product description	Commodity code
Meat of bovine animals (e.g. beef), fresh or chilled	0201
Meat of bovine animals (e.g. beef), frozen	0202
Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen	0203
Meat and edible offal of fowls of the species Gallus domesticus, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls, fresh, chilled or frozen	0207
Meat and edible offal, salted, in brine, dried or smoked, edible flours and meals of meat or meat offal	0210
Fish (live, chilled, frozen etc.), Crustaceans, Molluscs and other Aquatic invertebrates	0301 - 0308
Dairy and dairy products	0401 - 0406
Various vegetables (e.g. potatoes, tomatoes, onions, etc.)	0701 - 0714
Various fruits and nuts	0801 - 0811, 0813
Sausage of meat, offal or blood	160100
Malt extract and food preparations of flour, groats, meal, starch or malt extract.	1901901100, 1901909100
Various food preparations	2106909200, 2106909804, 2106909805, 2106909809

What does it mean for you?

If you are currently exporting products classified under one of the aforementioned commodity codes and these goods are to be considered as originating in the EU, the United States, Canada, Australia or Norway, it is no longer possible to import these goods into Russia.

What to do?

Exporters that are confronted with this Russian import ban, could potentially review the classification and / or the origin of the related products.

The Russian import ban could indeed be a good opportunity to check if your products are correctly classified following the Russian classification rules and codes. Furthermore, exporters could also reassess the origin related to their products. It is possible that based on the EU Customs Legislation, goods that you are currently considering as 'EU

originating', should in fact legally not to be considered as of EU origin and should be allocated a different country of origin should.

Depending on the outcome of a re-evaluation of the classification and/or origin of your products, it could be that your goods no longer fall in scope of the Russian Resolution, which potentially could free your products from the Russian import ban.

Of course, the Deloitte's Customs & Global Trade team can further assist you with identifying your possibilities in this regard.

If you should have any questions in this respect, please contact one of our colleagues below.

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