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Customs Union Between Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan

The Custom Union agreement between Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan was reached on December 2009 and came into force on July 6, 2010, when all three countries finally ratified it. Some customs procedures at the Russian/Belarusian and Russian/Kazakhstani border have been slightly changed by the Unified Custom Code, but the national custom posts on the borders between the three countries will remain until at least July 1, 2011. So far most rules and requirements for food and agriculture imports to Russia remain unchanged.

The Custom Union Commission adopted the Union's legislative documents, including those documents pertaining to the unification of veterinary, sanitary and phytosanitary requirements. The information about Commission decisions and adopted documents is posted on the Union's web-site: http://www.tsouz.ru/db/ettr/Pages/default.aspx.

The Custom Union has not completed the development of the unified veterinary, sanitary and phytosanitary requirements (SPS) and some officials expect that these procedures will be completed by July 2011. Another important development of the Custom Union is the adoption of unified technical regulations which includes technical regulations for food products. Some officials set July 2012 as the final date for the Custom Union technical regulation adoption. However, experts consider that this may take much longer than two years.

The major regulatory framework documents of the Custom Union were developed by July 2010, but the text of these regulatory documents did not answer all questions traders and business had. Besides, the implementation of all regulations, the mechanism for the functioning of customs and inspection services has not been developed. In order to facilitate the transition, the Russian Federation created a system of consultation hot-lines to guide foreign economic traders and businesses.

The hotline information is posted on the official Russian Government website: http://government.ru/docs/11253/: - Ministry of Economic Development for Russia: tel. +7-495-651-77-50 (Weekdays: from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM; Saturdays - from 9:00 AM to 3 PM).

Information pertaining to the Customs Union workings and documents reference: www.tsouz.ru; the Russian Ministry of Economic Development: http://www.economy.gov.ru/minec/activity/sections/; the Federal Customs Service of Russia: http://www.customs.ru/ru/; Rospotrebnadzor: http://www.fsvps.ru/fsvps.

Source: USDA FAS GAIN Report

Kazakhstan and Russia: Broiler Meat in thousand metric tons								
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010		
Production								
Kazakhstan	46	65	65	75	90	101		
Russia	900	1,180	1,350	1,550	1,772	1,975		
Imports								
Kazakhstan	109	150	147	133	109	110		
Russia	1,225	1,189	1,222	1,159	913	745		
Exports								
Kazakhstan	0	0	3	2	0	0		
Russia	7	2	2	5	7	5		
Domestic Consumption								
Kazakhstan	155	215	209	206	199	211		
Russia	2,139	2,373	2,578	2,695	2,700	2,710		
Source: Foreign	ın Aaricult	ural Serv	ice. Offic	ial USDA	Estimate	s.		

<u>Vietnam Issues New Maximum Residue Levels for Many</u> Meat, Poultry and Seafood Products

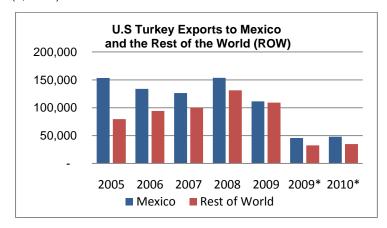
On May 6, 2010, Vietnam's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (MARD) issued Circular 29/2010/TT-BNN (Circular 29), establishing new Maximum Residue Levels (MRLs) for many meat, poultry, and seafood products. Circular 29 will take effect July 1, 2010, and will replace part of the Ministry of Health's (MOH) Decision 46/2007/QD-BYT

Circular 29 affects a specific list of meat, poultry, and seafood products. The Circular applies to both domestically produced and imported products. Of particular concern to Post is the Circular's zero-tolerance for Salmonella spp. for poultry meat, eggs, and egg products. Post considers zero-tolerance for Salmonella spp. in the aforementioned products contrary to international standards, not science-based, and unnecessarily trade restrictive. In addition, Post doubts whether Vietnam's domestic industry can meet this MRL which, if true, contravenes Vietnam's WTO National Treatment obligations. The official GVN translation of Circular 29 can be found at www.nafiqad.gov.vn.

Source: USDA FAS GAIN Report

U.S. Turkey Exports Up 6%

Turkey meat exports totaled 82,813 MT for January through May 2010, up 6% from the same period a year ago. Exports to Mexico, our major market, were up 5%. Strong demand from Hong Kong (up 318%) pushed exports of offal up 104%. Turkey leg exports rose 30% due to a strong demand from Mexico (up 56%); turkey wing exports grew 29%, due to strong demand from China (63%), Hong Kong (87%) the Bahamas (117%), Barbados (514%) and Honduras (7,724%).



U.S. Turkey Meat (H.S. 0207) Exports in metric tons

			Janua	ry-May
	2008	2009	2009	2010
Turkey cuts, fresh/chilled	109,018	70,845	29,380	31,610
Turkeys, other cuts, frzn	60,313	40,193	13,880	12,491
Turkey wings, frzn	33,865	25,883	7,710	9,942
Turkeys, leg meat, frzn	23,590	24,649	9,231	10,392
Turkeys, not cut, frzn	18,938	20,020	5,193	1,601
Turkey, legs with bone, frzn	18,337	16,666	4,791	6,231
Turkey offals, frzn	8,961	8,068	2,402	4,895
Turkeys, not cut, fresh/chilled	d 5,474	8,023	3,203	2,897
Turkey breast, frzn	6,306	6,213	2,364	2,753
Total	284,802	220,560	78,155	82,813

Source: Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau, Foreign Trade Statistics

INSPECTED EGG PRODUCTS-

U.S. & CANADA IMPORT/EXPORT TRADE

0.5. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)								
Week Endin	g Jul 24, 2010)	Year-	To-Date*				
Type	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009				
Liquid	0	302	1,981	6,254				
Frozen	0	0	88	0				
Dried	0	0	259	418				
Total	0	302	2,328	6,672				

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

g Jul 24, 201	U	Year-10-Date"				
2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009			
452	364	11,746	9,721			
8	1	267	204			
0	0	102	0			
460	365	12,115	9,925			
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Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S Exports to Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)

Week Ending	Jul 24, 2010)	Year-To-Date*			
	2010	2009 /1	2010 /2	2009		
Jumbo	0	0	0	0		
Extra Large	1,270	2,730	48,901	38,543		
Large	2,730	2,500	70,365	79,532		
Medium	750	900	26,562	31,587		
Ungraded	1,720	2,778	97,863	147,619		
Misc	0	0	900	6,218		
Total	6,470	8,908	244,591	303,499		
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^{/1} Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

U.S./CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY-SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week Ending 24-Jul-10 (Preliminary)

U.S. fowl slaughtered domestically						
	Light Hens	Heavy Hens	Total Hens			
	Thousa	nds				
Head	1,308	1,576	2,884			
Last Week	1,420	1,602	3,022			
Same week yr ago	991	1,655	2,646			
To-date/2010*	41,543	40,128	81,671			
To-date/2009*	37,519	43,112	80,631			

	Light Hens		Total Hens				
Thousands							
Head	92	34	126				
Last Week	239	38	277				
Same week yr ago	303	0	303				
To-date/2010*	10,268	274	10,542				
To-date/2009*	8,483	19	8,502				

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

U.S. fowl slaughtered in Canada

Total U.S. fowl slaughtered in the U.S. and Canada Light Hens **Heavy Hens Total Hens**

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Head	1,400	1,610	3,010		
Last Week	1,659	1,640	3,299		
Same week yr ago	1,294	1,655	2,949		
To-date/2010*	51,811	40,402	92,213		
To-date/2009*	46,002	43,131	89,133		
*Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.					

NATIONAL MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

(FOB Shipper Dock or equiv., negotiated prices in trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes reported in thousand lb. quantities, cents/lb.; delivery within 2 weeks.)

The price trend for fresh and frozen 15-20% MSC was steady to lower with the balance of fat contents steady. Supplies of fresh and frozen 15-20% were moderate to heavy; other fat contents were moderate. Schedules were normal. Export and domestic demand on fresh and frozen 15-20% was light. Product movement was light into the Caribbean, Central America and Mexico. Market activity was slow. The marketplace was sluggish as many continue to note issues like slow finished product sales, some contract cancellations, the limited availability of trucks and transportation delays. Supplies of raw materials were moderate to mostly heavy. Frame values were steady with trading levels ranging 7-9 cents FOB, mostly 8 cents FOB.

Weekly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	30-Jul-10	Last Week	Last Year	30-Jul-10	Last Week	Last Year
15% or Less						
Price Range			-	23.00 - 25.00	24.00	24
Wtd Avg Price			-	23.80	24.45	24.61
Volume Traded	-	-	-	333	363	232
Volume Exported	-	-	-	200	200	-
15-20%						
Price Range	20.00 - 28.00	22.00 - 28.00	17.00-26.00	12.00 - 21.00	16.00 - 23.00	17.00-24.00
Wtd Avg Price	23.19	23.44	21.11	18.10	19.18	20.67
Volume Traded	1,207	1,383	1,365	3,961	2,264	2,114
Volume Exported	1,087	1,343	1,225	286	143	449
20% or More						
Price Range	-	-	-	20.00	20.00	22.00
Wtd Avg Price			-	20.00	20.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	82	41	41
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

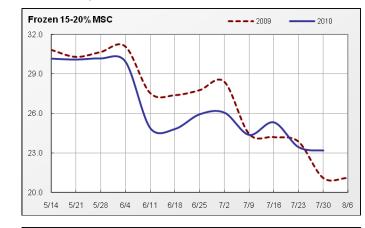
Monthly MSC Weighted Average Prices (cents/pound) and Volumes (1,000 pounds)

	Frozen			Fresh		
Fat Content	Jun 2010	May 2010	Jun 2009	Jun 2010	May 2010	Jun 2009
15% or Less						
Wtd Avg Price	-	32.00	-	26.13	26.28	28.55
Volume Traded	-	40	-	866	718	1,233
Volume Exported	-	-	-	305	100	216
15-20%						
Wtd Avg Price	26.22	30.15	28.18	20.44	23.90	23.08
Volume Traded	7,079	7,357	6,088	13,264	15,816	12,262
Volume Exported	6,499	6,645	5,371	653	2,407	4,692
20% or More						
Wtd Avg Price	-	-	-	20.60	22.00	22.00
Volume Traded	-	-	-	204	204	286
Volume Exported	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

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Note: Volume exported refers to that portion of the total volume that is destined for export markets.





Source: USDA AMS Poultry Market News & Analysis

^{/2} Includes revisions to previous week(s)

^{*}Note: Year to-date totals reflect comparable time periods.

Data Source: Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, AISD, AID, Poultry Section

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 JULY, 2010.

The market on fresh tom drums and tom necks was mostly steady to instances barely steady with the remainder of tom bulk parts steady. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of fresh tom drums and tom necks were moderate to at times heavy with the balance light to moderate. The market tone on white meat was steady to fully steady, instances firm. Demand and offerings remained light to moderate. The market on thigh meat was steady to barely steady. Offerings were light to moderate for the light demand. Market activity was slow to moderate with heaviest trading going into domestic channels. For domestic: frozen non-basted bone-in breasts 8-10 lb. 125, 12-16 lb. 145, fresh breast trim 171, fresh scapula meat 169, fresh tom full-cut wings 67-68, fresh tom necks 37-38, fresh tails 35 cents delivered. For export: frozen tom gizzards (hand cut/hand defatted) 94 cents delivered port.

EXPORT TRADING FRIDAY, JULY 30, 2010 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 39.00 113.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ W W F	WTD AVG PRICE 68.17 70.00 88.00 39.00	VOLUME (000) 120 20 378 56	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE 68.17 70.00 39.00	WEEKLY VOLUME (000) 120 20 56 160
EXPORT TRADING THURSDAY, JULY 29, 2010 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/ W W F F R	WTD AVG PRICE 68.17 70.00 88.00 34.00 19.00 114.00	VOLUME (000) 120 20 378 108 80 80		
EXPORT TRADING WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2010 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE 67.00-69.00 70.00	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F F R M	WTD AVG PRICE 68.17 70.00 88.00 34.00 19.00 117.00	VOLUME (000) 120 20 378 108 80 40		
EXPORT TRADING TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F T F F R M	WTD AVG PRICE 68.00 69.00 88.00 34.00 19.00 117.00	VOLUME (000) 162 52 378 108 80 40		
EXPORT TRADING MONDAY, JULY 26, 2010 DRUMSTICKS, TOMS WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM TAILS MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 2/ THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/ F T F F R	WTD AVG PRICE 68.00 69.00 88.00 34.00 19.00 117.00	VOLUME (000) 162 52 378 108 80 40		

^{1/} CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R-THURSDAY F=FRIDAY 2/ Product contains 15/20% fat with skin added.

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