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The Russian Federal Customs Service recently issued an order designed to streamline customs procedures and consolidate control over goods that are transferred through the Russian Federation. The order was published on March 22, 2007 and comes into force 90 days after its official publication.

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Executive Summary

The Russian Federal Customs Service recently published an order designed to streamline customs procedures. When goods of different titles belonging to the same consignment lot are declared in the same customs cargo declaration form and under same classification code, a detailed description of each good must be indicated. This order attempts to provide unambiguous identification and classification of goods that the order pertains to. Customs officials will exercise complete control over the items listed in column 31 of the customs cargo declaration according to the requirements of this new order.

The order, "On Requirements for Describing Certain Categories of Goods in Column 31 of the Customs Cargo Declaration (Bill of Entry)" was originally issued on December 12, 2006. It was published on March 22, 2007 and comes into force 90 days after its official publication.

Text of the Order Dated December 12, 2006

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Begin text:

Order of the Federal Customs Service of December 12, 2006, "On Requirements for Describing Certain Categories of Goods in Column 31 of the Customs Cargo Declaration (Bill of Entry)"

Registered in the Ministry of Justice of the Russian Federation on March 6, 2007

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In an effort to increase the effectiveness of the customs procedures, improve customs control over the goods that are transferred through the borders of the Russian Federation, provide unambiguous identification and classification of these goods in compliance with the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity ("?N VED" of Russia, based on Article 124 of the Customs Code of the Russian Federation (Legislation Code of the Russian Federation 2003, N 22, article 2066, N 52 (part. I), article 5038; 2004, N 27, article 2711, N 34, article 3533, N 46 (part I), article 4494; 2005, N 30 (part I), article 3101; 2006, N 1, article 15, N 3, article 280, N 8, article 854)), and provide instructions regarding the order to fill in the customs cargo and transit declarations adopted by order of the Federal Customs Service of Russia of August 11, 2006, N 762 (registered by the Ministry of Justice of Russia on 07.09.2006, registration N 8225), I order:

1. To establish for those goods whose codes and titles, in accordance with the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity ("?N VED") of Russia indicated in Attachment N 1 to this order, the description that is given under number 1 in column 31 of the customs cargo declaration. This is in addition to data that are specified by the instructions for the customs cargo and transit declarations, and shall be in compliance with Attachment N 1 to this order. When goods of different titles that belong to the same consignment lot are declared in the same customs cargo declaration, and the same classification code in compliance with the commodity nomenclature of the external economic activity ("?N VED") of Russia is used, information shall be indicated for each goods title in accordance with Attachment N 1.

2. To establish, for those goods whose codes and titles in accordance with the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity ("?N VED") of Russia are indicated in Attachment N 2 to this order, that when declaring the customs export regime or the customs processing regime outside the customs territory, the description that is given under number 1 in column 31 of the customs cargo declaration "Cargo packages and description of goods" shall contain data in compliance with Attachment N 2 to this order. This is in addition to data that are

specified by the instructions on the order to fill in the customs cargo declaration and transit declarations. This should also contain the data in compliance with Attachment N 2 to this order. When goods of different titles that belong to the same consignment lot are declared in the same customs cargo declaration, and the same classification code in compliance with the commodity nomenclature of the external economic activity of Russia is used, information shall be indicated for each goods title in accordance with Attachment N 2.

3. Both the code of the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity ("TN VED") of Russia, and the title of the goods when Attachment N 1 and Attachment N 2 are applicable, shall be used.

4. In compliance with the requirements of this order, the customs bodies shall exercise control over the completeness of the data declared in column 31 of the customs cargo declaration.

5. Within 90 days of the official publication of this order, the GNIVTS Computing Center of the Federal Customs Service of Russia (O.P. Puchkov) shall ensure work on modifying the software that is used when carrying out the customs procedures and customs control. They shall also introduce appropriate changes to the database on normative-reference information.

6. The heads of the regional customs departments and customs houses shall ensure that this order is known to all interested persons.

7. Deputy Head of the Federal Customs Service of Russia T.N. Golendeyeva shall be entrusted with exercising control over execution of this order.

This order comes into force 90 days upon its official publication.

Head of the Federal Customs Service

Goods Subject to Special Requirements

| Code of the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity ("?N VED") of Russia | Title of goods | Information that is subject to mandatory entry under number 1 in column 31 of the customs cargo declaration |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 0202 30 900 | Other cattle meat cuts, frozen, de-boned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind of cut from beef carcass (e.g. back quarters, boneless) - fat to meat content ratio, in percent - purpose (for industrial processing, for selling at domestic market) |
| 0203 29 550 | Domestic pig meat (pork), frozen, de-boned | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind of pork cut (e.g. boneless meat of the front side, including jowl) - fat to meat content ratio, in percent - purpose (for industrial processing, for selling at domestic market) |
| 0405 | Butter and other fats and butter fabricated from milk; milk spreads (paste) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mass fraction of milk fat (mas. %) - mass fraction of moisture (mas. %) |
| 1501 00 – 1506 00 000 0 | Fats and oils of animal origin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind of fat (e.g. pork fat, cattle fat, fish oil) - type of processing (non-refined, refined) - use (to produce soap or candles, as a lubricant, to produce glycerin, to produce feeds for animals, to produce margarine, etc.) |
| 1507 – 1515 | Greases and oils of plant origin | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind of plant oil (soy oil, peanut oil and so on) Physical state (hard or liquid) - type of processing (non-refined, refined) - use (for instance, to produce soap, lacquers or paints, to produce margarine, to use as salad or culinary oil) - for the goods, packed in consumer packaging for retail sales: net-mass of the product (in grams or kilograms) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 1516 | Animal origin or plant origin fats and oils and their fractions, fully or partially homogenized, ester- | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind of plant or animal oil or grease (e.g. fish oil, soy oil, peanut oil and so on) - type of processing (fully homogenized, etc.) |

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| | interchanged, re-etherified or elaidinized, non-refined or refined, but not subjected to further processing | - use (for instance, to produce soap, lacquers or paints, to produce margarine) - for the goods, packed in consumer packaging for retail sales: net-mass of the product (in grams or kilograms) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 1517 10 | Margarine, except for liquid margarine | - Mass fraction of total fat (mas. %) - mass fraction of the products of the goods item 0405 (butter, milk paste and other milk fats) |
| 1602 10 00 | Ready-to-eat homogenized products | - Mass fraction of meat, meat offal or blood (mas. %) - net-mass of the product (in grams) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 1604 | Ready to eat or tinned fish; sturgeon caviar and its substitutes fabricated from fish eggs | - for the goods, packed in consumer packaging for retail sales: net-mass of the product (in grams or kilograms) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 1701 11 1701 12 1701 99 100 | Cane sugar or beetroot sugar, hard state | - Sucrose content in hard state (mas. %) when determined using polarimetric method |
| 1803 | Cocoa-paste, de-fatted or non de-fatted | - Fat content (mas. %) |
| 1806 10 | Cocoa-powder with added sugar or other sweetening substances | - Mass fraction of sucrose or other sweetening substances (mas. %) - for the goods, packed in consumer packaging for retail sales: net-mass of the product (in grams or kilograms) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 1806 20 | Other ready to eat items, in briquettes, plates or bars with the weight exceeding 2 kilograms, or in the liquid, paste-like, powder, granulated or other similar state in containers or primary packaging containing more than 2 kilograms of the content | - Form or appearance (e.g. a briquette, paste, granules) - for items in briquettes, plate or bar; weight (in kilograms) for one briquette, plate or bar - for items in liquid, powder-like or granular form: weight (in kilograms) for one packaging unit - mass fraction of cocoa-butter and/or milk fat (mas. %); |
| 2003 | Mushrooms and truffles, prepared or preserved without added vinegar or | - Type of preserving or technique of preparation |

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| | acetic acid | |
| 2009 | Fruit juices (including must) and vegetable juices, non-fermented and non-containing alcohol additives, with added sugar or without added sugar or other sweetening substances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Type of processing (for instance, frozen, concentrated, non-concentrated) - Brix number |
| 2101 11 | Coffee extracts, essences and concentrates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mass fraction of coffee in the product recalculated into dry matter (mas. %) - for the goods, packed in consumer packaging for retail sales: net-mass of the product (in grams or kilograms) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 2101 12920 | Ready to eat products based on coffee extracts, essences and concentrates | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Components from the product composition with indication of mass fraction of each of them (mas. %) - for the goods, packed in consumer packaging for retail sales: net-mass of the product (in grams or kilograms) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 2106 90 9804 | Items that can be used for food: mixtures or ready to eat products from animal fats or plant origin oils or their fractions containing more than 15 mas. % of milk fats | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mass fraction of total fat (mas. %) and moisture (mas. %) - mass fraction of milk fats (mas. %) - for the goods, packed in consumer packaging for retail sales: net-mass of the product (in grams or kilograms) not taking into consideration primary packaging |
| 2204 10 2204 21 2204 29 | Natural grape wines including fortified wine | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Percentage content of ethyl alcohol (volume %) - sugar content (gram/liter) - type of wine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - high quality or ordinary - natural or fortified - white, rose or red - dry, semi-dry, semi-sweet, sweet, desert or strong - sparkling, fizzy, gaseous or still |
| 2204 30 | Other grape must | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The technique to stop fermentation - percentage content of ethyl alcohol (volume %) - sugar content (gram/liter) - density (gram/cm³ at 20° C) |
| 2205 | Vermouth and other natural grape wines | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kind of beverage (ex, vermouth) - type of wine (white, rose or red) |

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| | with added plant and aromatic substances | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - actual percentage content of ethyl alcohol (volume %) - sugar content (gram/liter) |
| 2206 00 | Other fermented beverages (for instance cider, perri, or pear cider, honey beverage); mixtures from fermented beverages and mixtures of fermented beverages and non-alcohol beverages, that are not mentioned elsewhere and that are not included elsewhere | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Actual percentage content of ethyl alcohol (volume %) - sugar content (gram/liter) - quantity (in liters) of the 100-per cent alcohol in a product |
| 2301 20 000 0 | Fine and coarse meal and granules from fish or Crustacea, shellfish or other aqueous invertebrate, that are not used for human food | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raw protein mass fraction (mas. %) |
| 2402 10 000 0 | Cigars, cigars with cut off ends and cigarillos containing tobacco | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - net-mass of one item (in grams) not taking into consideration primary packaging, filter and/or mouth-piece (provided there is one) |
| 4410 | Splint-slab (wood-shaving) boards with oriented splints (OSB) and similar boards (for instance, waffle boards) from wood or other lignificated materials, impregnated or non-impregnated with resins or other organic binding matter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board structure (for instance waffle board) - level of processing (for instance, non-processed board, polished board or board with the surface coated with laminated plastic) - description of edges and ends processing (for instance, the ends of the boards have long grooves and crowns or the boards are profiled in two ends) - dimensions: length, width, thickness (in mm) |
| 4411 | Splint-slab (wood-shaving) boards from wood or other lignificated materials, with or without added resins or other organic matter | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The surface is processed/is not processed (for instance, without mechanical processing or coating) - dimensions: length, width, thickness (in mm) |

Goods Subject to Special Requirements Declared Outside Customs Territory

| Code of the commodity nomenclature of foreign economic activity ("?N VED") of Russia | Title of goods | Information that is subject to mandatory entry under number 1 in column 31 of the customs cargo declaration |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4403 (except for 4403 10 000 9 4403 41 000 0 4403 49 4403 99 510 4403 99 590 4403 99 950 2) | Timber (lumber), non-processed, with removed or non-removed bark or laburnum (sap), or roughly beamed or non-beamed (except for non-processed timber from wood of tropical species, non-processed timber from birch and aspen) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title of timber (for instance birch bolt timber, pulpwood of "Pinus sylvestris L.") - processed/non-processed (for instance, de-rooted, non-processed, with roots, beamed) - processed with preservative/non-processed with preservative (for instance, processed with paint, etchant, creosote or other substances) - timber grade - timber dimensions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> nominal length (in meters) diameter range in upper end and lower end (in centimeters) - volume of timber in m³, rounded to 0,01 m³ taking into consideration the technique used to stack the timber on the transportation vehicle - value of the Invoice in hard currency based on the agreement, contract, per 1 m³ of the goods |
| 4407 (except for 4407 21 4407 22 4407 25 4407 26 4407 27 4407 28 4407 29) | Timber (lumber), sawed or cut lengthwise, split into layers or shelled, sliced or non-sliced, polished or non-polished, having end joints or without end joints, with thickness exceeding 6 mm (except for timber, sawed or cut lengthwise, split into layers or shelled from wood of tropical species) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Title of timber and timber species - type of processing (sawn lengthwise or cut, sliced or shelled, hewn or non-hewn, polished or non-polished, connected with spikes or non-connected) - timber grade or timber group of grades - geometrical nominal timber dimensions + allowances (length, width, thickness) - volume of timber in m³, rounded to 0,01 m³ - value of the Invoice in hard currency based on the agreement, contract, per 1 m³ of the goods |

End text.