On harmonization of CU legal acts in the field of sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary measures with international standards

The Customs Union Commission hereby resolves the following:

1. To adopt the Amendments into the Regulation on Coordination committee on Technical Regulation and Application of Sanitary, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Measures, approved by the CU Commission Decision No. 319 as of 18 June 2010 (attached).

2. To establish that upon the written requests of the interested persons, including foreign governments, on inconsistency of CU documents in the field of application of sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary measures with standards, decisions and recommendations of international organizations, including the World Health Organization, the Codex Alimentarius Commission (Codex), the International Office of Epizootics (OIE), and the relevant international and regional organizations operating within the framework of the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC) (hereafter - international standards) and also on the base of the initiative of authorized bodies of the Parties, such documents are subjected to the examination (hereafter - examination) in accordance with the Regulation, indicated in point 4 of this decision, with possible participation in examination of the interested persons.

3. CU documents in the field of application of sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary measures which according to the results of the examination are recognized as more stringent than international standards, without scientific justification for such restriction or risk to human, animal or plant life or health
(except for the documents which are applied in emergency situations), shall be brought into conformity with international standards.

4. With a view to develop the draft Regulation on the common procedure of examination of the CU legal acts in the field of application of sanitary, veterinary and phytosanitary measures (hereafter – Regulation) in accordance with point 2 of this decision:

- Russian side should submit the proposals regarding draft Regulation to the Secretariat of the CU Commission not later than May 10, 2011.

- The expert group on Technical Regulation, Application of Sanitary, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Measures should develop the draft Regulation and submit it in due order for the evaluation by the Coordinating committee on Technical Regulation Application of Sanitary, Veterinary and Phytosanitary Measures within one month after submission of the proposals by the Russian side.

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