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Additional restrictions on export of food products which were adopted in connection with the distribution of COVID-19

On 31 March 2020, the Eurasian Economic College adopted an additional decision aimed at establishing a temporary export ban of food products from the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union^[1]:

- ▶ Until 30 June 2020, the ban was established on the export of onions, garlic, turnips, rye, rice, buckwheat, millet, cereals, wholemeal flour and granules from cereal grains, peeled buckwheat grains, prepared foods from buckwheat, crushed and uncrushed soy beans and sunflower seeds.

On 2 April 2020, the order of Minister of Agriculture of Kazakhstan^[2] established quotas and temporary limits on the export of certain types of food products for a period up to 1 September 2020.

- ▶ The list of goods prohibited for export includes buckwheat, white sugar, potatoes, onions, garlic and other onion vegetables, sunflower seeds, and sunflower oil.
- ▶ The list of quota's goods includes carrots, turnips, beets, cabbage and similar edible vegetables, wheat or rye flour, soft wheat, and meslin.

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[1] Decision of the Eurasian Economic College No. 43 On Amending the Decision of the Board of the Eurasian Economic Commission dated 21 April 2015 No. 30 "On Non-Tariff Regulation Measures"

[2] Order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakhstan dated 2 April 2020 No. 111 "On some issues of the export of certain goods from the territory of the Republic of Kazakhstan"

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