

▲ Russian Federation: Temporary Export Ban on Grains due to the COVID-19 Outbreak

ANNOUNCEMENT 20 Mar 2020

On 20 March 2020, the Russian authorities implemented a ten-day ban on the export of grains.

NUMBER OF INTERVENTIONS

1 ▲ 1 harmful
▲ 0 neutral
▲ 0 liberalising

SOURCE

Letter of the deputy head of the Rosselkhoznadzor (Russian SPS agency) Yulia Shvabauskene to regional divisions of the agency seen by Russian business dailies Kommersant, Vedomosti and news agency Interfax.

<https://www.vedomosti.ru/business/articles/2020/03/23/825968-rossiya-vvudit-zapret>

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<https://www.interfax.ru/russia/700710>

Inception date: 20 Mar 2020 | Removal date: 24 Mar 2020

▲ Export ban

Three major Russian news outlets (Kommersant, Vedomosti and Interfax) reported that the Russian agricultural control agency (Rosselkhoznadzor, the Russian SPS body) implemented a ten-day export restriction on grains starting 20 March 2020. The news reports note that the export ban was abolished on 24 March 2020 following the introduction of an EEU-wide export ban, see related state act. Although no tariff lines were provided, the websites refer to rice and buckwheat exports. While buckwheat was not exported in significant amounts anyway, Russian rice is actively exported to Turkey, Caucasus and Central Asia.

The export ban aimed at curbing food price inflation following the outbreak of the COVID-19 in Russia.

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