

## **Russian Federation: Advisory Regarding Consignments Transiting the European Union (EU)**

The Russian Federation has announced that shipments transiting the EU will be rejected if the container seal was broken while in the EU (as may be done by EU officials during their border inspections).

The following products are believed to be exempt from this action:

- “collectibles”
- trophies that have undergone a complete taxidermy treatment,
- feed and feed additives,
- water biological resources and products of their processing {e.g., fish derivatives},
- finished food and feed products in retail packaging labeled by the manufacturer,
- medicines for animals and other preparations for veterinary use (diagnostic tools, disinfection and disinfestation agents).

Exporters shipping consignments through the EU to Russia should work with their agents in the EU and importers in Russia to confirm if their consignments will be allowed entry (e.g. if their consignments are either exempt from the new requirements or if the pertinent EU BIP will confirm that the container seal will not be broken while in the EU).