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Eurasian Economic Union Is One Step Closer to Adoption of Chemicals Regulations

On 1 December 2016, Order 26/2015 of the Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) was published setting a timeframe for the pre-adoption process of the Eurasian Economic Union's (EEU) three main draft chemical regulations: "On safety of paints and varnishes"; "On safety of synthetic detergents and household chemical goods"; and "On safety of chemical products." According to the Order, the Russian Federation and Kazakhstan must coordinate finalizing the drafts and submit them to the Board of the EEC by 10 February 2016. Within a month of the date of receiving the drafts, the Board is required to send them to the current EEU members - Armenia, Belarus, Russian Federation, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan - for intra-governmental consultation. While the Order does not set a deadline, adoption of the three regulations is expected sometime in mid-2016, providing all EEU members adhere to the timeframe. In previous years, adoption of these regulations has suffered multiple setbacks.

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