

## Legal Alert

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## EAEU sets 0% import customs duty on electric vehicles until end of 2021

The Council of the Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC) has set import duty at 0% for certain types of electric vehicles<sup>1</sup>.

The zero rate will apply for the importation of electric vehicles into Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan from 4 May 2020 until 31 December 2021. Legal entities and individuals will be entitled to apply the zero rate when importing light vehicles powered by electric motors of categories M1 and M1G<sup>2</sup>:

- M1 category — passenger vehicles with no more than eight seats (excluding driver)<sup>3</sup>;
- M1G category — vehicles of M1 category with off-road capability matching certain criteria<sup>4</sup>.

Please note that the strategy for development of the Russian automotive industry for the period up to 2025 envisages a growth in demand for electric vehicles in 2020-2025. Certain regions of the Russian Federation, as well as some EAEU and CIS countries, have their own incentives for electric vehicles.

Adoption of the EEC decision is in line with the general trend of emphasizing the environmental agenda in regulations in Russia and other EAEU and CIS countries.

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<sup>1</sup> Decision No. 29 of the EEC Council dated 16 March 2020.

<sup>2</sup> Item "8703 80 000 2" in the Commodity Nomenclature for Foreign Economic Activity of the EAEU.

<sup>3</sup> In accordance with technical regulation TP TC 018/2011 of the Customs Union on Vehicle Safety.

<sup>4</sup> Meeting certain criteria set in item 1.2.1.1 of Annex 1 to TP TC 018/2011.