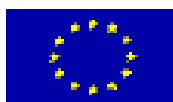




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▪ WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

On 25 November in Brussels will be held the 14th round of EU-Ukraine negotiations on the conclusion of Association Agreement. According to UNIAN correspondent, this was announced during briefing with Ukrainian Foreign Ministry Head of Press Department Valeriy Dzygun. He informed that during the plenary session they shall continue to discuss particular chapters of the Agreement. In addition, the Parties shall consider the third report on the progress achieved in negotiations on the Association Agreement to be presented on the 13th EU-Ukraine summit on December 4 in Kyiv.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 23.11.2009

The Ukrainian Foreign Affairs Ministry welcomes the implementation of the new practical instrument of cooperation between Ukraine and the EU – ‘EU-Ukraine Association Agenda’. According to UNIAN correspondent this was announced during briefing with Ukrainian Foreign Ministry Head of Press Department Valeriy Dzygun. He said that Association Agenda differs substantially from EU-Ukraine Action Plan which became ineffective in March 2009. Unlike this Action Plan, the implementation of the Association Agenda shall be based on principles of joint responsibility for the eventual results.

‘The practical implementation of the Association Agenda already provides for qualitative changes in EU-Ukraine relations, their transition from partnership and cooperation to political association and economic integration’, said V. Dzygun. He added that the implementation of Association Agenda shall permit Ukraine to commence the fulfilment of EU-Ukraine Association Agreement agreed provisions prior to its conclusion. The Head of Press Department noted that Ukrainian Party calls European Union to commence immediately the fulfilment of the tasks defined in Association Agreement which were officially agreed by the Parties on November 20 by the exchange of appropriate notes.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 23.11.2009

Under facilitation of the European Union, Republic of Cyprus and Republic of Bulgaria in Kyiv was held ‘*EU Cheese Please*’ conference devoted to European types of cheese. This event is a part of large-scale international project on informing and promotion of European types of cheese. Guests and participants were informed on the existing information and advertising campaigns for 5 popular European types of cheese. A number of issues were discussed related to the dairy industry of Ukraine, Cyprus and Bulgaria. The representatives of the countries addressed such urgent and important issues as European standards for quality and safety of foodstuffs, milk collection and treatment, technology and production of cheese, import and transportation in these products.

<http://a7d.com.ua/>, 23.11.2009

▪ **Food Safety**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine approved the tariffs for carrying out state expert examination of genetically modified organisms. According to IA 'RBK-Ukraine', the Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine Yu. Melnyk informed that this decision was taken on 18 November 2009 on the session of the CMU. He specified that carrying out state expert examination is necessary for registration of GMO in open data system. 'We decided to set these tariffs at the level of the present tariffs for registration of new varieties of plants because this process is almost identical', Yu. Melnyk has said.

ProAgro, 19.11.2009

In order to protect the territory of Ukraine from incursion of the causative agent of African swine fever the subdivisions of the Veterinary Militia for Implementation of Quarantine Measures of the Ministry of Internal Affairs from the beginning of 2009 inspected more than 30 thousands economic operators involved to rearing, processing of swine and trade of products thereof. This information was provided by the press service of the State Committee for Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine.

Moreover, the employees of the regional services of veterinary-sanitary control and supervision at the state border and transport from the beginning of 2009 withdrew (destroyed) or returned products of animal origin from the Russian Federation – 5.809 thousand kilograms, Republic of Georgia – 192 kilograms, Azerbaijan and Republic of Armenia – 125 kilograms and 170 kilograms respectively.

APK-INFORM, 20.11.2009

According to the official report of the International Epizootic Office the pandemic influenza A/H1N1 2009 disease of swine was detected in the administrative region Nord-Trondelag in the Kingdom of Norway. For this reason import of swine, products and raw materials thereof is temporarily prohibited (letter No 15-3-1-18/7198 of 23.11.09.).

Other agricultural products and raw materials from this country must be imported in accordance with veterinary requirements for import to Ukraine of objects of state veterinary-sanitary control and supervision.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 23.11.2009

▪ **Market infrastructure**

According to the agricultural producers' polls on their investment plans, held twice by 'APK-Inform' this year, most of them while planning their investments in farm machinery in 2010, have an intent to purchase it mainly for their own funds. The main reason for that is limited access to bank credits as well as lack of financial support from the state.

APK-INFORM, 23.11.2009

The prices for milk in Ukraine during November-December shall rise by 15 % at the minimum. These forecasts provide the major market players inform the press office of 'AGROPOLIS' groups of companies. According to Viktor Smirnov Director of trade and production department of 'AGROPOLIS' company – today there is a trend on increase in prices for milk and consequently the cost price for milk products also increases. 'But, apart from an increase in price we already experience the shortage of raw materials of a good quality], he noted.

According to the data provided by the State Committee for Statistics of Ukraine, the production of milk in Ukraine is reduced every year approximately by 1 thousand of tons. Thus, for the first 10 months of this year the reduction of milk production comparing with the same period of 2008

is registered in 18 regions of Ukraine. The largest setback in production is registered in Kyiv oblast (by 7%), in Dnipropetrovs'k and Lviv oblasts (by 6%) and in Chernivtsi oblast (by 5%). Experts say that the reasons for this trend are the general reduction in production of milk as well as the decrease in livestock population.

RBK-Ukraine, 24.11.2009

The value of sale in cattle and fowl for slaughter in October in all categories of holdings in Ukraine rose by 6.4% comparing with previous month and amounted to 233 thousand of tons. According to the data provided by the State Committee for Statistics an increase in production and sale comparing with September was due to the households of the population. For this category it constitutes 21.7% - up to 113.2 thousand of tons. By contrast, in agricultural undertakings the value of cattle and fowl sales for slaughter fell by 4.5 % up to 119.8 thousand of tons.

However, comparing with October of 2008 it is observed a decrease in cattle and fowl value of sales for slaughter by 2.8 %.

APK-INFORM, 24.11.2009

ANNOUNCEMENT

On December 1 will be held a round table for analytics of Ukrainian grain market. The Investment centre of the UN Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO/TCI) together and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Ukrainian Agricultural Association, Ukrainian Grain Association and Information Agency 'APK-Inform' will hold a round table on discussing the methodology for setting up the anticipated demand and supply balances of grain crops in Ukraine, elaborated by Ukrainian specialists within the Partnership Program of UN FAO/TCI and EBRD.

The Minister of Agricultural Policy of Ukraine – Yuriy Melnyk, Gilles Mettetal EBRD Director for Agribusiness, FAO experts, Peoples Deputies of Ukraine-members of the Committee on Agricultural Policy and Land Relations, experts of the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, State Committee for Statistics of Ukraine, Ukrainian Grain Association, Ukrainian Agricultural Association, experts of leading trade, production, analytical and consulting companies as well as other involved organisations shall participate in the work of the round table.

APK-INFORM, 24.11.2009

▪ **Rural Development**

ANNOUNCEMENT

On 25 November 2009 in the International Centre for Culture and Arts “Zhovtnevy Palace” the solemn meeting on the occasion of Day of Agrarians will take place (in the view of influenza epidemic the meeting have been postponed from the 12th of November to 25th of November)

Well-known agrarians, directors and ordinary specialists of agricultural establishments, farmers and Heroes of Ukraine will come to Kyiv. The representatives of agrarian branch associations, people's deputies and officials shall participate in solemnities. The President of Ukraine Viktor Andriyovych Yuschenko will congratulate agrarians on the occasion and present them the state awards.

Press service of Ministry of Agrarian Policy.

From now the free of charge issue of the state acts on landownership shall be monitored by automated system. For the purpose of control of carrying out the tasks defined by the Resolution of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No 844 the automated system of monitoring the issue of the state acts was created. This is a system of maintenance of a unified data base of applications

and concluded agreements on development of technical documentation and registration of the state acts on landownership rights on land plots. This system enables to trace all stages of the simplified procedure on a real-time basis from the moment of application submission by the citizen till receiving of the state act. The system was tested in three oblasts of Ukraine.

The Order of the State Committee of Ukraine for Land Resources of 20 November 2009 No 603 approved the Regulations on connection of territorial bodies of the State Committee of Ukraine for Land Resources and structural subdivisions of the Centre of the State Land Cadastre to monitoring system. Thus, technical solutions realised in the system make possible the territorial bodies of the State Committee of Ukraine for Land Resources and structural subdivisions of the Centre of the State Land Cadastre to operate in a single information space.

State Committee of Ukraine for Land Resources, 24.11.2009