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▪ WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

December 17, 2009, regular meeting of "Agricultural sector" working sub-group (Donor Board) took place in the Ministry of Agrarian Policy. Head of Foreign Economic Activity Department S.P. Ivashchuk informed the participants of the meeting on Ministry's activities to attract international technical assistance for further development of agriculture and the decree from 18.09.2009 № 684 "On approval of the procedure of international technical assistance attraction, implementation and monitoring in agriculture". The decree assigned the responsibility for effective implementation of international technical assistance projects and quarterly reporting to structural units of the Ministry. The above mentioned document was issued to replace the decree from 09.11.2007, № 794.

Information on the activities of the Dutch project "Selection of pure-line pigs in Ukraine" and on drafting of the national program for sustainable development of rural areas in Ukraine until 2020 was presented at the meeting, future directions of cooperation within the framework of international technical assistance projects discussed and presentations of projects based on MAP's proposals that were approved for implementation by the donors held.

Head of Economic, Trade and Territorial development Section of the Delegation of the European Commission in Ukraine N. Korchakova informed the audience about the database of technical assistance projects created by the EU's project "Implementation of Ukraine's commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the rural sector" and addressed other donors with a request to provide detailed information on projects which will be included in the database. She also briefly told about Twinning projects and stressed the need for continuous exchange of information between donors to avoid duplication of tasks while setting up new projects.

Department of Foreign Economic Cooperation, MAP, 28/12/2009

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ukrainian exposition at "Green Week" exhibition (Berlin, Germany) will begin to be assembled 4 of January. The exposition will consist of several booths that will present Ukrainian capacities in grain, dairy food, meat, butter, honey, cheese, wine, vodka and confectionery production. A separate stand will acquaint participants of the Berlin Fair with the opportunities that provide seed companies and research institutions. Yet another stand, prepared by the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, will tell about agricultural potential of our country. According to preliminary data, Nemiroff, "ABK", Massandra, Milky Land Ukraine, "Kyiv Margarine Plant", "Artemsil", "Gardens of Ukraine" and many others companies will participate in the Berlin exhibition. Official delegation of Ukraine at "Green Week" will be headed by Agrarian Policy Minister Yuriy Melnyk. It is foreseen that delegation members will participate in the 9th meeting of Ukrainian-German Agricultural Committee and other business forums. The presentation of Ukrainian stand will take place. Yuriy Melnyk will hold bilateral meetings with agricultural ministers from several European countries.

"Green Week" 2010 will be open from 14 till 21 of January.

MAP Press Service, 23/12/2009

▪ Food Safety

Bohdan Danylyshyn, Minister of Economic Affairs of Ukraine, informed that the resolution "On cancellation of certain items in the list of products subject to compulsory certification" was approved at the

governmental meeting. According to the Minister of Economy, Ukraine undertook the commitment to cancel mandatory certification of food products from the date of accession to the WTO. Furthermore, cancellation of mandatory certification of food products is one of the key terms of the World Bank loan amounting to \$ 500 million to finance the state budget deficit. Bohdan Danylyshyn is convinced that cancellation of mandatory certification of food products will not entail deterioration of the product quality, since sanitary and veterinary services, as well as regional bodies of State Consumer Standard, will still carry out multilevel control on food production and circulation.

The main purpose of the adopted resolution is to save around 40 million UAH a year for business entities, as well as their working time, which had previously been spent on certification procedures. There also will be eliminated duplication of controls by Consumer Standard and sanitary and veterinary services, as required by the Laws of Ukraine "On food safety and quality", "On Fundamentals of the State Supervision (Control) of economic activities" and "On ratification of the Protocol on Ukraine's accession to the WTO".

Press Service of the Ministry of Economy, 24/12/2009

According to the official announcement of the International Office of Epizootics, cases of Skrapie disease were registered in the Palestinian Authority. Imports to Ukraine of animals susceptible to Skrapie, products and raw materials from them from the Palestinian Authority is banned. Imports of other goods from this country which fall under control of the state veterinary service shall be carried out according to veterinary requirements for imports into Ukraine of goods subject to veterinary supervision.

www.vet.gov.ua, 25.12.2009

Veterinary Service of Ukraine has banned imports of sheep and goats from Kazakhstan, reported the State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine. According to the International Office of Epizootics, cases of smallpox among the sheep and goats were registered in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 29.12.2009

Ukraine's President Viktor Yushchenko signed the law making it mandatory to inform citizens about the presence of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in food. This is stated on the official website of the President. As UNIAN reported earlier, Parliament passed this law on December 17. The law does not apply to tobacco and tobacco products and food made for personal consumption. Circulation of food whose labels do not satisfy the requirements of this law and relevant technical regulations shall be prohibited. Food products that are in circulation shall be labelled in Ukrainian and include information in a form accessible for consumer's perception about the presence or absence of GMOs in food, with "with GMO" or "no GMO" marking respectively.

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▪ **Market Infrastructure**

Active import to Ukraine of raw meat at dumping prices led to suspension of a number of livestock investment projects and closedown of several poultry and pork manufacturers.

This is stated in the letter of Ukrainian Union of Agricultural Enterprises, Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation, Tvarynprom and Union of Ukrainian Poultry Breeders addressed to First Deputy Prime Minister Olexander Turchinov. The paper noted that during 11 months of this year Ukraine imported 375.4 thousand tons of meat products, including 198 thousand tons of pork, 15.8 thousand tons of beef and 161.1 thousand tons of poultry meat. Thus, according to the authors of the letter, about 40% of imported poultry and pork and 90% of beef were products of low quality.

"In times of financial crisis growth of imports made at dumping prices can lead not only to a decrease in production, but also to a complete closedown of livestock and poultry complexes with all the negative economic and social consequences", the letter reads. It is noted that the greatest damage to the state budget and livestock industry is done by criminal schemes of meat and meat products import, for example, through supply of meat products destined for transit.

Agricultural NGOs asked the Government to resume inter-departmental working group to monitor compliance with the law in the domestic meat market.

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Rural Development

"The State Committee for Land Resources is ready to make every effort to create a state land cadastre system in Ukraine by June 2012 ", declared Deputy Head of the Committee Serhij Byelchuk. He noted

that "Ukraine has received World Bank loans for implementation of the project "Delivery of state certificates on the land property rights and the development of cadastre system" and thus received resources to create cartographic inventory and geographic information systems, including electronic data archives and software. Project implementation period ends in June 2012 and we must do it by that time", said Deputy Head of the State Committee.

The ability to complete creation of Land Cadastre in 2.5 years in Ukraine confirmed the World Bank expert Gavin Adlington, but such a task he described as "extremely difficult". As the project director Serhij Kubah noted, that aerial photography of 70% of Ukrainian territory is taken and orthophoto of over 50% and index cadastral maps of 10% of territory made. He also noted that "today technical specification to create a national cadastre system that meets current European standards is prepared".

State Committee for Land Resources of Ukraine, 23.12.2009

During the current year regional bodies of State Land Inspection conducted compliance checks for the procedure of receiving state land titles acts. According to Crimean Land Committee, main offices of the Land Committee in the regions and cities of Kyiv and Sevastopol, about 6 million 221 thousand state land titles acts were issued which makes up 91% of 6 million 863 thousand citizens who have the right to a share of land. As a result of compliance checks 796 violations were found on a total area of 16.65 thousand hectares. It was also found out that 558.3 thousand state acts still have not been issued.

The main reason for untimely production and registration of land title documents is their high cost and production delays on relevant organizations. In addition, owners and heirs of certificates do not wish to receive state land title acts since it affects the amount of social assistance.

One of the most common violations of land legislation is the use of land shares by agricultural enterprises without the documents that prove their right to use it or without state registration of these lands in compliance with the requirements of Art. 125 and 126 of the Land Code of Ukraine.

www.myland.org.ua, 24.12.2009

Cabinet of Ministers` Resolution № 1377 dated 08.12.09 "On amendments to paragraph 2 of the Procedure for financing activities to protect, revive and improve soil fertility from Stabilisation Fund in 2009" entered into force, informed December 29, 2009 press service of the Ministry of Justice. It is noted that the document comes into force on the day of its official publication, namely December 26, 2009. It's registration code in the Ministry of Justice is 48921/2009.

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