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▪ **WTO and Neighbourhood Policy**

The minister of Economy of Ukraine Bohdan Danylyshyn and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Turkey in Ukraine Ahmet Bülent Meriç agreed to essentially intensify bilateral cooperation. This was discussed at their meeting. The participants discussed the status and prospects of bilateral trade and economic and investment cooperation and outlined a tentative plan for cooperation in 2010. During the meeting Minister of Economy of Ukraine and the Ambassador of Turkey agreed to continue in 2010 consultations on the preparation of the agreement on the establishment of free trade between countries.

"We need to make economic partnership into a strategic one. As both economies complement each other, we need to move as quickly as possible to the free trade regime that will increase twice the turnover between our countries", said A.B. Meriç.

As noted B. Danylyshyn, Turkey has traditionally occupied an important place in international relations of Ukraine and in 2010 opens new prospects for dialogue and further development of relations not only in a bilateral format but also within international organizations. In this context B. Danylyshyn and A.B. Meriç discussed the possibility of holding the next meeting of the commission in the first half of 2010 in Ankara.

According to the press service of the Ministry during 10 months in 2009 the trade turnover between Ukraine and Turkey amounted to \$ 2418.58 million. Exports totalled \$ 1.7 billion, imports - \$ 741.6 million

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▪ **Food Safety**

The State Veterinary Committee of Ukraine has changed the conditions of import to Ukraine of raw materials and products of animal origin. This was reported by the committee. According to the report, the relevant decree of the committee from December 11, 2009 recognizing the decree of the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine from March 12, 2001 № 23 "On urgent measures for prevention and eradication of spongiform encephalopathy and other prion infections among cattle as such that has lost its validity" has been already registered.

"Adoption of this document is another step towards harmonization of Ukrainian legislation with the existing legal acts of the World Trade Organization, international standards and recommendations of the International Office of Epizootics concerning the import into Ukraine of raw materials and animal products, feed additives, premixes, feed for domestic animals, other animal products after a preliminary study of the epizootic situation and checking compliance with requirements for production process, storage conditions etc. in the countries from which these commodities are imported", reads the report.

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Since January 1, 2010 the Law of Ukraine "On the identification and registration of animals" has come into force.

This legal act defines the organizational and legal principles of identification and registration of animals for obtaining rapid and reliable information on cattle (sex, age, breed and location) to improve management and prediction for livestock markets and control the epizootic situation in Ukraine.

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▪ Market Infrastructure

ANNOUNCEMENT

"Ukrainian agrarian business club" (UABC) association informs that it will hold conference on commercial horticulture, floriculture and landscaping in Ukraine on February 25, 2010. The event will be supported by the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine.

The conference will cover various issues, including the following:

Global development of horticulture, floriculture and landscaping materials markets

FTA with the EU: possible impact on the horticultural sector in Ukraine

Public policy in horticulture sector in Ukraine

Fruits, vegetables, ornamental trees, shrubs and flowers markets: forecasts for 2010

Global GAP for horticulture production.

It is planned that the conference will be attended by over 150 representatives of respective sectors, government and scientific organizations.

"Ukrainian agrarian business club", 31.12.2009

December 29, 2009 the government of the Russian Federation adopted the resolution #1102 recognizing the legal acts of the Russian Federation on the introduction of specific duties on certain goods produced in Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of the Russian Federation as such that have lost their validity". The document was published December 31, 2009. According to the document, the RF Government regulation from October 12, 2005 № 604 "On introduction of special duties on certain goods produced in Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of the Russian Federation" and the decree from March 23, 2008 № 195 "On amendments to the RF Government Regulation from October 12, 2005 № 604" are recognized as such that have lost their validity.

Ministry of Economic Development of Russia is instructed to inform the Integration Committee of Eurasian Economic Community on this decision. This resolution shall take effect on date of its official publication.

The Government of Russia imposed special duties on certain confectionery commodities produced in Ukraine and imported into the customs territory of Russia. Special duty rate amounted to 20% of customs value but not less than 0.25 euro/kg for boiled sweets, Toffee, candy and similar sweets. The rate of special duty was set at 0.6 euro/kg for starch syrup, boiled sweets, Toffee, candy and similar candies as well as for some other products.

Rossijskaja gazeta, 31.12.2009

January 1, 2010 the law number 1447-VI amending some laws of Ukraine to improve the mechanisms of public regulation of agricultural market came into force. In particular, the legislative act provided for the establishment of Public intervention fund "formed by the Agrarian Fund through financial interventions and mortgage purchases and used for commodity interventions to ensure price stability".

According to the law the following are the subjects of public price regulation: hard wheat, soft wheat, grain mixture of wheat and rye, corn, barley, winter rye, spring rye, peas, buckwheat, millet, oats, soybeans, sunflower seeds, rape seeds; flax seeds, hops cones, beet sugar, wheat flour, rye flour, cattle and poultry meat, milk powder, butter, wool, sunflower, vegetables and fruits.

The limit for price mark-up at the rate of no higher than 20% of manufacturer's wholesale prices (customs value) is set for subjects of public price control (agricultural products and goods), that are mentioned in paragraph 3.3.1 of the law,.

It is also foreseen that the minimum public intervention price for a particular subject of public regulation shall be the same across Ukraine.

RBC-Ukraine, 04.01.2010

January 1, 2010 the Law "On amendments and additions to some legislative acts of Ukraine promoting biological fuel production and use" came into force. According to the law the income of biofuel producers that is derived from the sale of biofuel is exempt from taxation for 10 years starting from January 1, 2010. The Law established the legal principles regulating the production and consumption of biological types of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels in Ukraine. It is envisaged that biological fuels intended for sale as commodity products shall be subject to mandatory certification. Producers of alternative fuels are considered to be subjects of all forms of management and ownership who produce solid, liquid and gas fuels from unconventional energy sources and raw materials.

RBC-Ukraine, 04.01.2010

▪ Rural Development

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine postponed for a year the entry into force of the Procedure for keeping the Cadastre Book and the Book for recording state registration acts for property rights to land and the right of permanent land use and land lease agreements. This is stated in the decree # 1404 from December 23, 2009 "On amendments to paragraph 3 of CMU Resolution #1021 from September 9, 2009", which is published on the governmental portal.

According to the report the resolution #1021 "On approval of the Procedure for keeping the Cadastre Book and the Book for recording state registration acts for property rights to land and the right of permanent land use and land lease agreements" shall take effect on January 1, 2011 instead of 1 January 2010.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 04.01.2010

January 1, 2010 the law on agricultural wholesale markets came into force.

According to the law, agricultural wholesale market is a business entity, established pursuant to legislation whose aim is to establish necessary conditions for sale and purchase of agricultural products. Only those business entities that meet the requirements of this law and have entered into the registry of agricultural wholesale markets may be called "agricultural wholesale markets". The law elaborates the classification of agricultural wholesale markets, as well as covers specific issues of their creation, operation and regulation.

Verkhovna Rada passed the law June 25, 2009

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