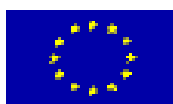




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▪ WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Yuriy Melnyk, the Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine, opened the national pavilion at the "Green Week" international agricultural exhibition in Berlin. Ukraine has been among major international exhibitors of "Green Week" for twelfth consecutive year. This year several dozen of Ukrainian companies are represented at the fair. "The main objective of our participation in the exhibition is to show domestic agricultural wine and food industry to Europe and the world", said Yuriy Melnyk at the opening. He drew attention to the fact that this year Ukrainian exposition was presented in a new format, in particular, it focused on export-oriented domestic enterprises.

75th "Green Week" will be held in Berlin till 24 January. The exhibition has brought together more than 1600 exhibitors from 50 countries. This year Hungary is the partner country at the fair.

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Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine is ready to continue to create grain pool with Russia and Kazakhstan, said Minister of Agrarian Policy Minister Yuriy Melnyk at the "Green Week 2010" exhibition in Berlin. "Our position remained unchanged. We should join forces with Russia and Kazakhstan in order not to compete among each other in markets where Ukraine, Russia and Kazakhstan are working. The form of this cooperation is still to be debated", said Yuri Melnyk. He also said that Ukraine with 24.5 million metric tons of grain export held third place among grain export countries in 2008/09. In 2009-2010 Ukraine plans to export about 20 million tons. "Meanwhile we are moving beyond the plan since during 6 months we have already exported more than 14 million tons. It means that there is the demand for grain. Ukrainian suppliers have established cooperation with importing countries, there are less quality and supply procedure claims", said the Minister. He also stressed that unlike Russia, Ukraine sells not only wheat but also barley and maize.

Combining grain markets of Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan will allow taking more than 30% and in the future 40% of world grain exports. Russia has put 23.5 million tons of grain on the world market in 2008/09 and plans to put about 20 million tons in current 2009/10

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▪ Food Safety

Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine adopted the Law "On amending the Law On state biosafety system of creation, trials, transportation and use of GMOs." Legislative act number 5029 amends current law regarding separation of authorities between Agricultural Policy central authorities and veterinary medicine service in regulating activities related to genetically modified organisms.

The need to resolve this issue at the legislative level arose because of the change in the status of State Department of Veterinary Medicine, which is withdrawn from the structure of Agricultural Policy central executive body and reorganized into a veterinary medicine central executive body with its own powers.

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Live pigs, products and raw materials from them are now permitted to be imported into Ukraine from the Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (permission № 15-2-24/159 from 15.01.10). In accordance with the official OIE report on the possibility of A H1N1 virus contamination from livestock the resolution of

<p>the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine from 29.09.2009 № 15-3-1-18/5751 shall cease to be effective. The import of other goods from the United Kingdom which fall under the control of the state veterinary service shall be carried out according to relevant requirements.</p> <p>www.vet.gov.ua, 15.01.2010</p>
<p>Live pigs, products and raw materials from them are now permitted to be imported into Ukraine from the Kingdom of Norway (№ 15-2-24/158 from 15.01.10). In accordance with the official OIE report on the possibility of A H1N1 virus contamination from livestock the resolution of the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine from 23.11.2009 № 15-3-1-18/7198 shall cease to be effective. The import of other goods from the Kingdom of Norway which fall under the control of the state veterinary service shall be carried out according to relevant requirements.</p> <p>www.vet.gov.ua, 15.01.2010</p>
<p>Imports of sheep and goats to Ukraine from the Kingdom of the Netherlands is banned (№ 15-2-23/172 from 15.01.10r.). According to the official report of the International Office of Epizootics Ku-fever cases were registered in the Netherlands. The import of other Dutch goods which fall under the control of the state veterinary service shall be carried out according to the relevant requirements.</p> <p>www.vet.gov.ua, 15.01.2010</p>
<p>State Consumer Standard of Ukraine adopted amendments to the GOST on the food products labelling. Amendments # 1 to GOST 4518:2009 "Food products. Labels for consumers. General rules" were approved by the decree from December 30, 2009 № 482. It is noted on the web site of the department that amendments are introduced to improve food products labelling according to the address of the ministry of agrarian policy (letter dated from 18.12.09 № 37-32-10/23510), food manufacturers (letter JSC Ukrkonditer "from 02.12.09 № 19 / 3-305-3) and according to the Law of Ukraine "On Standardization". In particular, paragraph 4.5.1.2 reads as follows: "General and proper name of the product must be given on the front or visible side of the packaging in a convenient for consumers place". The decree came into effect on January 1, 2010</p> <p>AIC-Inform, 18/01/2010</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENT During "Inter AGRO 2010" exhibition "Ukrainian agrarian business club" association will carry out a series of activities concerning the current issues in Ukrainian agriculture. Dutch-Ukrainian Agribusiness Forum "Food quality as a key to success in agriculture" will take place February 3.</p> <p>www.agribusiness.kiev.ua, 18.01.2010</p>

▪ **Market Infrastructure**

<p>Farmer loans, that Agrarian Bank will make, will cost no more than 5% per annum and be issued for 7-10 years without pledge, announced the Prime Minister of Ukraine Yulia Tymoshenko at a press conference. According to her, the work of establishing such a public bank is coming to an end. Loans to farmers without pledging assets will be secured by a systems of public and private insurance. "This bank will have a special procedure for liquidity formation ", said Prime. She said that the bank will be able to fully meet the needs of the agricultural sector for credit resources.</p> <p>RBC-Ukraine, 15.01.2010</p>
<p>According to the preliminary reports of the State Statistics Committee of Ukraine potato production increased (19.7 million tons) in 2009 compared with 2008 by 0.8% and production of vegetables (8.3 million tons) – by 4.2% This was due to increased yield capacity of 0.6% and 4.7% respectively. The output of fruits increased by 7.2%, of grape – by 12.9% and made up 1.6 million tons and 468.7 thousand tons. Private farms produced 97% of potatoes, 87% of vegetables, fruits and berries, 22% of corn, 19% of sunflower and 9% of sugar beet.</p> <p>State Statistics Committee of Ukraine, 18.01.2010</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENT Supported by the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine, German Federal Ministry of Economics and the Government of France the 6th International Exhibition of remunerative and highly effective agriculture Inter AGRO 2010 will be held February 3 - 5, 2010.</p>

The exhibition is organized by "Kyiv International Contract Fair together with Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation, Ukrainian agrarian business club, German agricultural machinery association (VDMA) and French Agency for International Development of Enterprises (UBIFRANCE) and sponsored by "ROSTSELMASH".

InterAGRO is the largest winter agricultural exhibition in Ukraine, covering all areas of agriculture.

www.interagro.in.ua, 14.01.2010

▪ **Rural Development**

Chairman of the parliamentary Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land N. Prysiashnyuk believes the government should buy some agricultural land from people to provide food security. This he said January 19 at a press conference in Zhytomyr, commenting on the fact that the parliament had overcome the veto of President of Ukraine on the Law "On Amendments to the items 14 and 15 of the section X of "Transitional Provisions" of the Land Code of Ukraine on the terms of land sale. He noted that now "any political force that will come to power should adopt a number of bills, namely, on inventory of agricultural lands, on establishing public land mortgage bank and on land registry.

January 19, parliament broke the veto of the President of Ukraine on the Law "On Amendments to the items 14 and 15 of the section X of "Transitional Provisions" of the Land Code of Ukraine on the terms of land sale. This law provides an extension of the moratorium on land sales till January 1, 2012

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