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Overview of Latest Rural Developments 15-21 of April 2010

■ **WTO and Neighbourhood Policy**

Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine Mykola Prisyazhnyuk had a meeting with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Federal Republic of Brazil in Ukraine, Antonio Fernando Cruz de Melo. The negotiators discussed the state of agriculture in Brazil and Ukraine and prospects of cooperation between countries in the agricultural sector. The Ambassador stressed that Brazil is interested in joint projects in agribusiness and in agricultural science and education. The Minister, in turn, stressed that this initiative will certainly be supported by the Ukrainian side, given that the Ministry of Agricultural Policy decided to launch reforms in many areas of the agricultural sector, science and education being among them.

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April 19, 2010 Ukrainian delegation of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine headed by Minister Mykola Prisyazhnyuka visited the Russian Federation to attend a regular meeting of the Subcommittee on Agriculture of the Committee on Economic Cooperation of the Ukrainian-Russian Interstate Commission. During the meeting cooperation between Ukraine and the Russian Federation was discussed and protocol signed. In addition, issues to be discussed between Ukrainian and Russian prime ministers at the sixth meeting of the Committee on Economic Cooperation of the Ukrainian-Russian Interstate Commission scheduled for 22nd of April in Moscow were identified during the visit.

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April 13, 2010 Minister of Agrarian Policy Mykola Prisyazhnyuk met with Resident Representative of UNDP in Ukraine Mr. Olivier Adam and Director Blue Ribbon Analytical and Advisory Centre Mr. Marcin Świącicki.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss promising areas of cooperation and preparation of UNDP Activities Programme in Ukraine for 2011-2015. The UNDP Resident Representative underlined its interest in enhancing cooperation with Ukraine in the agrarian sector and provide assistance in line with existing needs.

Blue Ribbon Analytical and Advisory Centre's research results were presented relating, in particular, to land reform and negotiation process on Ukraine's accession to the WTO and effects on agriculture under WTO membership.

It was agreed to continue working with the Centre in development of legislation relating to settlement of land relations, use of WTO mechanisms, predicting ways of international markets' development, price trends analysis, etc. Finally, it was agreed that the Ministry will provide a comprehensive view of future cooperation with the Program and send its suggestions for UNDP Programme Activities in Ukraine for 2011-2015.

<http://minagro.gov.ua/>, 21.04.2010

■ **Food Safety**

Ban on importation to Ukraine of animals from Taiwan susceptible to sheep and goat pox (№ 15-2-23/3293 of 15.04.10 City) was introduced. According to official report of International Office of Epizootics cases of pox among goats and sheep were registered in the People's Republic of China (Taiwan Island). Animals susceptible to sheep and goat smallpox from Taiwan are not allowed to be brought to Ukraine. Other goods from this country, which are subject to official veterinary supervision, shall be

imported according to veterinary requirements for imports into Ukraine.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 15.04.2010

Ukraine Parliament amended the Law of Ukraine "On milk and milk products" concerning safety and compliance of dairy products with parameters set by Ukrainian laws and standards. According to the Law, milk, raw milk and dairy products produced in Ukraine and brought into the customs territory of Ukraine shall comply with safety and quality parameters for food products set by Ukrainian regulations. The use of fats and proteins of non-dairy origin as well as any stabilizers or preservatives in production of traditional dairy products shall be prohibited.

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The Head of Delegation of the European Union to Ukraine Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira handed over modern laboratory equipment for identifying residues of veterinary preparations in food products to Lviv Regional State Laboratory of Veterinary Medicine and National Research Institute for Veterinary Preparations and Feed Additives. Laboratory equipment and procedures for testing food samples were demonstrated to those present, reported Deputy Chairman of State Committee on Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine Y. Sadvari

The project was made possible by financial support from the European Union under the component "Food Safety" of the Project "Implementation of Ukraine's commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the Rural Sector (Sectoral Approach)". According to Y. Sadvari, the EU has already handed over 2 million euros worth of modern veterinary laboratory equipment for safety control of food of animal origin to four regional laboratories and two institutes in Kiev, Poltava, Odessa, Dnipropetrovsk and Lviv.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 19.04.2010

During I quarter of 2010 State Committee for Consumer Standards of Ukraine checked 90 tons of meat and meat products (including semi-finished products), worth 1,425 million UAH. 51 tons (56.7% of products checked), worth 843 thousand UAH, were rejected since they failed to meet documentation requirements, reports Committee's press-service. The report reads "during first three months of 2010 state inspectors checked 84 enterprises. Violations were found on 71 of them".

In I quarter state inspectors issued 54 orders prohibiting the sale of 54 batches of products from 33 enterprises; 63 orders prohibiting the sale of 63 types of products from 29 enterprises; 71 enterprises were ordered to address violations. The total fines amounted to more than 47 thousand UAH.

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Belorussian meat products made from raw materials from third countries can not be supplied to Ukraine, said April 16 the Belarusian ambassador, Valentin Velichko. "Previously, the agreement was signed, stipulating that mutual supply of meat can be carried out only if meat products are made of domestic raw material", said Mr. Velichko. He also said that mutual certification of processing plants is currently being carried out. "Ukraine has already certified many of our companies and we are certifying Ukrainian ones", said the diplomat. He also informed that Belarusian-Ukrainian agreement on recognition of conformity certificates is scheduled to be signed in May.

Interfax-West, 19.04.2010

Since Newcastle disease has once again been detected in Spain the decision of the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine from 31.12.2009 № 15-3-1-18/8550 shall be considered invalid. Other goods from this country, which are subject to official veterinary supervision, shall be imported according to veterinary requirements for imports into Ukraine.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 20.04.2010

▪ Market Infrastructure

According to State Committee of Statistics of Ukraine in I quarter of 2010 the average sales price of agricultural products increased by 29% compared with the corresponding period in 2009, including crop products - by 50%; livestock products - 15%. In March this year the average sales price increased by 3% compared with February, including crop products – by 4%, livestock products – by 1%.

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Belarus stopped applying anti-dumping duty to Ukrainian caramel provided that producers keep voluntary export price commitments. The decision was taken by the Belarusian side during Belarusian-Ukrainian Intergovernmental Joint Commission meeting. In addition, the sides agreed to start preparing agreement on regulation of Ukrainian starch syrup supplies to Belarusian market. During the Commission meeting it

was also agreed that relevant Ukrainian agencies will speed up approval of sanitary requirements for Belarusian producers to facilitate access of Belarusian dairy products to Ukrainian market.

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Exports of dairy products during January-February 2010 increased by 50.4% to \$ 72.2 million compared to the same period last year. Such a growth was due to increased exports of cheese (23%) and whey milk (by 2.9 times), as well as increased export prices, said deputy director of Ukrainian Agrarian Confederation O. Yaroslavskij. Imports of dairy products decreased by 2.3 times to \$ 10 million due to substantial decline in imports of condensed milk (44%) and butter (67%). The expert reminded that in I quarter of 2009 6.9 thousand tons of butter and fats were imported, which exceeded 103 times the corresponding figure of 2008.

www.kp.ua, 16.04.2010

April 20 American Chamber of Commerce in Ukraine held an agricultural workshop "New strategies in agribusiness development". Participants discussed the following important issues of agribusiness development:

- agricultural products insurance;
- Value-Added Tax in the agrarian sector of Ukraine and its administration;
- price regulation and state control in the agricultural sector;
- regulation of GMO in Ukraine: development of legislation for production and sale of GMO products;
- agricultural infrastructure development.

www.chamber.ua, 21.04.2010

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) determined the procedure for issuing loans to farmers against future harvest. This is stipulated in the NBU regulation # 180 from 13 April 2010, amending the regulation # 650 dated 03.11.2009 "On stimulation of lending to Ukrainian economy".

"Future agricultural products (future harvest, livestock's offspring, etc.) shall be taken as compensation of possible losses of credit transactions for loans granted to agricultural producers. While determining net credit risk the following coefficients shall be applied (depending on the category of credit operation): standard - 50%, under control - 40%, substandard - 20%, doubtful - 10% ", reads the National Bank regulation. This regulation will be valid until 31 December 2011.

www.economics.unian.net, 19.04.2010

The output of livestock products in agricultural trade enterprises increased during the first quarter. According to the deputy director of UAC O.Yaroslavskij, favourable conditions, including high prices for quality raw products, stimulated increase in output of livestock products, particularly milk. According to him, referring to State Committee of Statistics of Ukraine, during the first quarter of 2010 milk production on enterprises increased by 3% compared with the corresponding figure in 2009 and reached 488.2 thousand tons; the amount of meat sold increased by 15.4 % - to 363.3 thousand tons, eggs - by 7.1% to 2.4 billion pieces.

www.agroua.net, 20.04.2010

▪ Rural Development

The Accounting Chamber Board considered issues of unauthorized dumps. Official Ukrainian landfills occupy 164 thousand hectares of fertile soil making them unsuitable for use. Accounting Chamber checked how pollution fees are paid to State Budget in Kharkiv and Poltava oblasts. Environment damage losses amounting to 110.5 million UAH were discovered. (Kharkiv oblast - 110,4 million UAH, Poltava oblast - 98.3 thousand UAH). There were also discovered 439.8 thousand UAH of unpaid pollution fees (433.5 thousand - in Kharkiv oblast and 6,3 thousand UAH - in Poltava oblast).

www.myland.org.ua, 15.04.2010

Justice Minister Oleksandr Lavrynovych sent letter to the head of the State Committee for Land Resources Oleg Kulinich proposing to immediately cancel the decree from February 15, 2010 № 168 "On approval of the procedure for assignment of cadastral number to land plot", since it was unduly registered.

According to examination carried out by the Ministry of Justice due to numerous appeals of individuals and legal entities, it was discovered that the decree contains new legal norms that affect the rights, freedoms and legitimate interests of citizens and are inter-departmental in nature. In particular, the decree prescribed the procedure of creation and assignment of cadastral number to a plot, putting relevant

information to the State Land Register and providing extract from the Register on cadastral number assigned.

In the same time, it was discovered that the decree was not registered in the Ministry of Justice and therefore it can not be considered valid and its implementation violates legislation on state registration of legal acts.

Ministry of Justice of Ukraine, 16.04.2010