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Overview of Latest Rural Developments

29 April – 05 May 2010

▪ WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

The Minister of Agrarian Policy Mykola Prisyazhnyuk met with Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary US Ambassador to Ukraine John Francis Tefft. The two sides discussed ways of intensifying cooperation between our countries in the agricultural sector.

Mykola Prisyazhnyuk thanked the American side for their participation in the meeting, informed on the trade relations between Ukraine and the United States, expressed appreciation for the considerable technical assistance provided during the 2001-2009 to Ukrainian agriculture by U.S. Agency for International Development, told about plans of agricultural reforms. "We appreciate your contributions to the development of Ukrainian agriculture - said the Minister. We have even greater tasks before us, such as project of elaboration of the new concept of agricultural development and technical assistance to the Agricultural Markets Institute for development of agrarian reform priorities and support for dialogue between private and public sector.

Mr. Tefft said that the U.S. will continue to support Ukraine to reform agriculture through USAID. Acting Head of State Committee of Veterinary Medicine V.M. Horzheyev confirmed interest in continuing cooperation between the countries. The Ukrainian side has made its proposals to develop active cooperation in livestock industry, veterinary medicine, fishery industry, scientific and technical cooperation. Both sides underlined their shared interest in further expansion of bilateral cooperation in agriculture.

Press Service of Agricultural Policy, 29/04/2010

Ukraine and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) plan to address issues that remain and are ready to sign free trade agreement at the next meeting of EFTA Ministers that will take place June 24, 2010, reads the communiqué after 5th round of FTA talks between EFTA and Ukraine, which took place in Kiev on 27-30 April.

Ukraine and European Free Trade Association (EFTA) began formal negotiations on free trade area in April 2009. EFTA countries invited Ukraine to begin FTA talks in August 2007. FTA with EFTA is an important step for Ukraine in the context of signing FTA with the European Union.

<http://www.unian.net/>, 05.05.2010

▪ Food Safety

Ukraine banned imports of one-toed hoofed animals and animal products from Brazil (№ 15-2-23/3760 from 28.04.10r.). According to the official report of the International Office of Epizootics cases of glanders among horses were registered in Brazil.

Import of one-toed hoofed animals from Brazil shall be banned. Other goods from this country shall be imported according to Ukrainian veterinary requirements.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 28.04.2010

In 2009 State Consumer Standard Committee labs had studied 4697 food samples. 254 samples were found to contain the GMO, representing 5.4% of samples tested, reported the Committee press service. In 122 samples GMO content exceeded 0.9%, including in bakery, confectionery, sugar, sausages, dairy products, etc.

In the first quarter of 2010 5337 samples were tested (including 2756 in March). 263 samples were found to contain the GMO (including 185 in March) GMO content representing 4.9% (in March – 6,7%) of

samples tested. In 103 samples GMO content exceeded 0.9% including in ketchup, mayonnaise, sauces, flour, cereals and other products.

<http://www.unian.net/>, 30.04.2010

▪ **Market Infrastructure**

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V Conference AGRO PERSPECTIVE 2010: Evolution of Agricultural Markets” will take place May 14. The conference will be organized by State ForeignInform and Agrarika consulting company. Topics to be discussed include:

Agriculture after the crisis

Successes and failures of agricultural policy.

Agricultural markets development

Is there a future for agriholdings?

Ukrainian agricultural enterprises and stock exchanges

Corn, oil, milk and meat markets.

How to reach understanding between farmers and equipment suppliers.

2010 peculiarities.

Organizers offer an updated agricultural market platform for discussion on the future of agriculture and ways to address various challenges agricultural business may face.

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

Vice Head of Crimean Ministers Council Georgij Psarjov met the Turkish businessmen delegation headed by Chairman of the Board of Directors of Stock Exchange Soyhur Hussein. According to the press service of Crimean Ministers Council, fruit and vegetable trading logistic centre project was discussed. The Turkish side intends on investing heavily in Crimea. This project will help create jobs, increase profitability of agriculture and range of products on Crimean markets.

The Turkish side was asked to elaborate the project ToR.

<http://e-crimea.info>, 29.04.2010

ANNOUNCEMENT

May 20, 2010 business forum "Successful entry of Ukrainian agrarian companies into international stock markets: theory and practice" will be held in the framework of "Ukrainian agrarian business club" (UABC) and "AgriEvent" partner program together with "Phoenix Capital" investment company. The purpose of this event is to provide information on how to attract foreign investment for Ukrainian agro-industrial companies and practical experience in entering foreign markets.

Target group: agricultural representatives and representatives of investment and legal companies, economic and agricultural media.

<http://biz.liga.net>, 29.04.2010

Committee on Agrarian Policy and Land Relations recommends second reading and final adoption of a draft amending the Law “State Support for Agriculture in Ukraine” that intends to improve tools to support agricultural enterprises. Article 14 is proposed to be added regulating payment for delivered goods that belong to groups 1-24 of UKT VED, including excise goods.

Committee members emphasized that the draft will clearly set deadlines for debt repayments and compensation in case the debt is not recovered, which will increase the responsibility of agricultural products buyers and legal protection of sellers.

APK-Inform, 04/29/2010

▪ **Rural Development**

Irina Akimova, first deputy head of presidential administration believes lifting the farmland sales moratorium in 2011 is possible in case the land inventory is accomplished. The government must as soon as possible accomplish land inventory in order to cancel the moratorium on the sale of agricultural land, said Akimova. "We should urgently accomplish land inventory and cancel the moratorium as soon as possible" - she said. Akimova thinks that the inventory is not yet accomplished only due to “interdepartmental quarrels”.

TSN.UA, 04/30/2010

ANNOUNCEMENT

"Agrarian Chamber of Ukraine" (NGO) in an open meeting of the SBI APU holds hearings on the topic May 14, 2010: "Consideration of the draft Law "Agricultural commerce in Ukraine". The issues to be discussed include: legal regulation of agricultural and rural development NGOs, harmonization of interests of all rural NGOs, draft Law on Agrarian Chambers of Ukraine.

Agricultural Chamber of Ukraine, 29.04.2010