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▪ WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Visa-free regime between Ukraine and the EU must be implemented by the end of 2012, reads the draft Program of Economic Reforms in Ukraine for 2010-2014, reported a source in the Presidential Administration of Ukraine.

This document also foresees conclusion of Association Agreement and deep and comprehensive Free Trade Area (FTA) with the EU by the end of 2011; conclusion of new free trade treaty with CIS countries which will be based on WTO rules by the end of 2012; adoption of long-term trade and economic cooperation program with Russia by the end of 2011.

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Terms of FTA with EFTA (European Free Trade Association, which includes Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland) will likely not meet the interests of Ukrainian agriculture sector. This opinion expressed experts from "Ukrainian Agrarian Business Club" (UABC). According to UABC experts, some EFTA countries demand further concessions from Ukraine to liberalize access to the Ukrainian fish market, without offering any concessions regarding access to their own markets.

As the president UABC Alex Lissytsa put it, agreement with EFTA is important only as a document preceding final approval of terms of free-trade with the European Union. "If we conclude this agreement on terms that are disadvantageous for us, it will considerably worsen our negotiating position with other partners since they will demand adequate concessions from Ukraine ", he noted.

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Minister of Agrarian Policy Mykola Prysyzhnyuk met with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Germany to Ukraine Hans-Jürgen Heimz. The two sides discussed further development of bilateral cooperation between Ukraine and Germany, including legal protection of investors working in the agricultural sector.

Mr. Heimz promised to further attract German investments in the agricultural sector of Ukraine and support the process of European integration of Ukrainian agriculture.

The two sides expressed satisfaction with the cooperation within the framework of projects of the Federal Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Consumer Protection of Germany: German Agricultural Centre, German-Ukrainian Policy Dialogue in Agriculture, Agri Benchmarking, bioenergy project, etc. and agreed to continue cooperation in key agricultural sectors.

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Minister of Agrarian Policy Mykola Prysyzhnyuk met with Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of France to Ukraine Jacques Faure.

The two sides discussed the bilateral cooperation in various sectors of agriculture, stressed the importance of signing agricultural agreements between countries, in particular, they noted Cooperation Agreement in livestock sector and agriculture and Agreement in the field of education that had been signed.

Mykola Prysyzhnyuk drew attention to the positive dynamics of negotiations on FTA between Ukraine and the EU and counted it as a significant achievement that "Agriculture and Rural Development" will be included as a separate section in the future Association Agreement.

The participants discussed various aspects of cooperation in livestock sector, including dairy products, veterinary medicine and food safety.

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Delegation from the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine will visit Belarus on 8-9 of June 2010 after having been invited by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of the neighbouring country. Meeting with the Minister of Agriculture and Food of Belarus, discussions of bilateral cooperation in agricultural engineering, livestock, agriculture and food industry are scheduled to take place during the visit. Representatives of Ukrainian ministry will also participate in conferences, seminars and business meetings.

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▪ Food Safety

According to official OIE reports cases of the following diseases were registered:

- glanders among horses in the Kingdom of Bahrain;
- plague among sheep in the People's Republic of China;
- blue tongue among sheep in Qatar;
- highly pathogenic avian influenza in the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

The import to Ukraine of animal and poultry products from the abovementioned countries shall be banned. Other goods from these countries that fall under control of the State Veterinary Inspection shall be imported according to Ukrainian veterinary requirements.

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▪ Market Infrastructure

The program of economic reforms for 2010-2014 "Prosperous Society, Competitive Economy, Effective Government", which was approved by the Committee on Economic Reforms under the President of Ukraine provides for the creation by the end of 2012 transparent agricultural land market based on a unified system of land cadastre. According to documents published on the site of President of Ukraine, an effective tools for turnover of agricultural land, nationwide digital land inventory and land database will be developed to create transparent land market, inventory of land resources will be carried out and the mechanism for allocation of land for construction simplified.

Effective and professional civil service responsible for land cadastre and ownership registration are expected to be created by the end of 2012. Laws "On Land Market" and "On Land Cadastre" will be adopted for this purpose. Adoption of these laws is necessary to lift moratorium on agricultural land sales. As a result of land reforms an operational agricultural land market should be in place. The program of economic reforms for 2010-2014 "Prosperous Society, Competitive Economy, Effective Government" which was developed and approved by the Committee on Reforms under the President of Ukraine will be implemented in three stages: 2010, 2011-2012 and 2013-2014.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

June 17, 2010 46th meeting of the CIS Economic Council will take place in the framework of St. Petersburg International Economic Forum of the CIS countries with the participation of Commonwealth business leaders. 16 issues are planned to be discussed according to the meeting agenda. The following issues fall within the remit of the Ministry of Agricultural Policy:

- implementation of Action Plan to implement the first phase (2009-2011) of CIS Economic Development Strategy till 2020;
- progress of the implementation of Plan of important measures aimed at developing and improving the efficiency of interaction between the CIS member states in the economic sphere in 2003-2010;
- progress of the phased lifting of mutual trade restrictions between CIS countries.

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▪ Rural Development

State Medicine Quality Control Service considers the possibility of creating and implementing special program to develop pharmacies in the rural areas, reported the chairman of the State Medicine Quality Control Service, chief state inspector of Ukraine Oleksiy Solovyov, speaking at a conference-meeting "Regulatory policy and licensing conditions for Ukrainian pharmaceutical market".

"Now we look to launch special program for development of rural pharmacies under the Ministry of

Health", informed Solovyov.

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There is an increasing imbalance in the employment structure in the rural areas, said Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine Mykola Prysyzhnyuk at expanded Cabinet meeting on current state and prospects of agriculture. "Ongoing decrease in employment, overrated forced employment in household farms and degradation of human capital according to primary indices (age, education, health and experience) are observed", said the Minister.

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In the framework of XXII International Agri-Industrial Exhibition "Agro - 2010" Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine together with "National Association of Agricultural Extension Services of Ukraine" will conduct round table for managers of agricultural extension services "The role of agricultural extension services in livestock development".

The event will be attended by representatives of the Ministry, research institutions, agricultural universities and National Association of Agricultural Extension Services of Ukraine.

Department of Agricultural Education, Science and Extension MAP, 04/06/2010

Amendments based on the decision of the Supreme Administrative Court of Ukraine were introduced to Instruction for procedures on how to draw up, issue, register and store state land ownership acts, state acts for the right of permanent land use and land rental contracts.

State Committee for Land Resources of Ukraine announced the publication of the order from 03.06.2010 № 433 "Instruction for procedures on how to draw up, issue, register and store state land ownership acts, permits for permanent land use and land rental contracts" .

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