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Overview of Latest Rural Developments

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WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

September 28-30, the fourth session of the Ukrainian-Polish Intergovernmental Commission on Economic Cooperation took place in Warsaw. Meetings of working groups, that had been established within the Commission, including the working group on agriculture, were held. The sides discussed a wide range of issues, including veterinary medicine, and reached agreements on further cooperation. Issues related to obstacles that arise in bilateral cooperation of Ukrainian and Polish companies, existent non-tariff and administrative barriers that impede trade and investment activities were discussed during the meetings of relevant working groups and joint measures to improve economic cooperation were approved.

Press Service of the Ministry of Economy, 09/30/2010

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich criticized proposed EU conditions for creating Free Trade Area as being unacceptable for Ukraine.

The President said this during his speech at VII Yalta European Strategy (YES) Forum. According to Yanukovich, there will be substantial costs and losses to the State Budget in case Ukraine accedes to the proposed conditions. "The EU proposes to instantly remove tariff and non-tariff barriers. It will entail 20% loss of revenue generated from duties on import from the EU", he said.

RBC-Ukraine, 10.01.2010

ANNOUNCEMENT

October 7, the final workshop organized by Swiss-Ukrainian Forest Development Project in Transcarpathia FORZA "Choosing sustainable development: what repercussions it will have for communities, government and the forest sector" will take place.

The workshop aim is to present the results of seven years work of FORZA project related to promotion of close to nature forestry methods and sustainable multifunctional forest management in the Carpathian region, strengthening market approach in forestry and improving livelihoods of local communities through the use of wood and non-wood forest resources.

State Forestry Committee, Press service, 01/10/2010

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich said the conclusion of the Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine to be the key issue in Ukraine's foreign policy today.

"The primary task in Ukraine's foreign policy today, I think, is the conclusion of the Association Agreement with the European Union, which envisages creation of Free Trade Area. Another important issue which directly concerns all Ukrainian citizens, is the introduction of visa-free EU travel. Tense negotiations on all these issues are currently being carried out", Viktor Yanukovich said.

Ukraine's President is convinced that the association relations between Ukraine and the EU including all socially significant areas of social, political and economic spheres should be "actively developed, without waiting for the Association Agreement to be officially signed and ratified."

RBC-Ukraine, 10.01.2010

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich discussed during telephone conversation with British Prime Minister David Cameron prospects of Ukraine's European integration and the state of bilateral relations between the two countries.

The sides expressed interest in enhancing mutual relations at all levels, the presidential press service

said.

«ForUm», 06.10.2010

Food Safety

International Epizootic Office (OIE) supports the increase in the number of import-export veterinary control points between countries.

This was discussed during the 24th Conference of the OIE Regional Commission for Europe, held in Astana (Kazakhstan), the press-service of Ukrainian State Committee of Veterinary Medicine said. "At the conference it was announced that OIE started revision of the current Code, which regulates the import, transit and export of products with the intention to include the requirement to conduct veterinary checks at points that are not subject to customs inspection (franchise areas, ports, customs warehouses and warehouses from which food is being supplied to ships and air passengers) and inspect non-commercial cargo (foodstuffs carried in passenger luggage or sent by mail; accompanying pets, transported by private individuals, as well as food waste, which represent a health risk).

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 30.09.2010

Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision of the Russian Federation (RosSelhozNadzor) approved the list of Ukrainian companies allowed to export pork and raw pork meat to Russia after having analyzed documents submitted by Ukrainian State Committee of Veterinary Medicine confirming that violations of Russian requirements identified by RosSelhozNadzor experts on Ukrainian companies during the inspection which took place in May 2010 have been removed.

The report has been published on the official website of the Federal Service, according to which, Ltd. "Phoenix" (Donetsk oblast) engaged in pig slaughtering and production of ready-to-eat meat products received the right to export the said products to Russia.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 30.09.2010

October 7-8, 2010, VIII International Congress of Veterinary Medicine Experts will take place. The event objective is to discuss scientific progress in the following areas: small pet health, horse health care, farm animal health and problems of laboratory diagnosis of animal diseases. The event will be attended by representatives of State Committee for Veterinary Medicine, members of Ukrainian Association of Veterinary Experts, veterinary practitioners, representatives of Ukrainian Academy of Agrarian Sciences.

October 7-8, 2010, meeting of the Working Group of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation will take place in Thessaloniki (Greece). Representatives of State Committee for Veterinary Medicine will participate in the working group on agriculture.

www.vet.gov.ua, 01.10.2010

Market Infrastructure

September 30, "Kyiv Autumn 2010" agri-industrial fair commenced in "Ukrainian ExpoCentre". The event main objective is to further expand economic relations between regions, promote domestic goods on domestic markets, facilitate wholesale and retail trade and agricultural market development.

This year more than 1200 companies are exhibiting their achievements on the total exhibition area of more than 6000 square meters. The special feature of this exhibition is that the majority of its participants are primary agricultural producers and private owners from virtually all regions of Ukraine.

"Kyiv Autumn 2010" is being organized by the Ministry of Ukraine and "Ukrainian ExpoCentre" and managed by Promfininvest Trade House. More than 200 thousand people from all over Ukraine are expected to visit the event this year.

MAP Press Service, 30/09/2010

Ukrainian Ministry of Agrarian Policy proposes to prohibit cash payment for contracts whose sum exceeds UAH 10 thousand, the Minister of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine Mykola Prysyzhnyuk said during the Sofia Stars festival, where art groups from agricultural colleges were presenting their achievements .

"We will shine a light on shadow market activities and get rid of intermediaries this way, and, as a result of

it, increase wages in the sector, prevent VAT abuses and develop wholesale markets", the Minister said.

InterMediaConsulting, 10/03/2010

Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine will allocate additional UAH 60 million to pay subsidies for planting sugar beet and flax, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov said while opening the government meeting.

"Ukrainian Government is currently elaborating a set of incentives to increase gross production of agricultural products. Another UAH 60 million will be allocated to pay subsidies for planting sugar beet and flax", Mykola Azarov said. He also said that the procedure for partial compensation of livestock farm construction and repair costs had been submitted for approval.

www.liga.net, 04.10.2010

Cabinet has approved the way the Stabilization Fund will be used in 2010 to provide state financial support for creation of agricultural wholesale markets, the Cabinet of Ministers Resolution № 893 from 29 September 2010 reads.

The procedure for the use of funds from the Stabilization Fund in accordance with paragraph 1 of Article 74 of the Law "On State Budget of Ukraine 2010" concerning providing state financial support for creation of agricultural wholesale markets, has been set, with Ministry of Agriculture being the main budget fund manager and entities granted with the "agricultural wholesale market" status receivers thereof. The allocation of budget funds shall be irrevocable.

www.lol.org.ua, 05.10.2010

▪ Rural Development

MP Vasyl Shpak registered in Verkhovna Rada draft law # 7190 On agrarian chambers in Ukraine. The draft objective is to promote Ukrainian agriculture and facilitate its integration into the global agricultural system, establish modern agricultural infrastructure, promote effective development of agricultural production and agricultural business activities of different organizational forms, meet and protect economic, social and other common interests of agricultural producers and rural residents (chamber members) through the development of professional self-government in the agricultural sector, draft's explanatory note reads.

<http://www.agroua.net/>, 05.10.2010

ANNOUNCEMENT

October 8-10, "Cheese and Wine Festival" will be held in Lviv, the press service of the Lviv City Council said. The celebration will be held in the City Hall courtyard and will include telling stories of the Lviv cheese and winemaking tradition, entertainments, concerts and a lot of good cheese and wine.

Special newspaper will be published on the occasion of the festival which will include cheese horoscope, many interesting and useful facts about cheese and wine, interviews with celebrities, many recipes of mulled wine and cheese dishes. Organic product fair will also take place in the framework of the festival, with special focus on cheese and wine.

<http://consumers.unian.net/>, 05.10.2010