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WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

June 15, Ukrainian Cabinet of Ministers issued the resolution № 548 adopting the plan of how to increase benefits and minimize negative consequences for Ukraine's economy after the FTA with the European Union is established. The resolution is published on the governmental portal. The document stipulates the following items:

- the Government should continue to harmonize Ukrainian legislation with that of the EU;
- the corresponding central authorities should by the end of 2012 bring national veterinary, sanitary, phytosanitary, and environmental standards and technical regulations in line with European and international standards;
- the Government shall by the end of 2012 develop technical regulations for industrial products on the basis of EU directives and introduce modules into compliance assessment procedures; exclude products covered by technical regulations and products whose certification is not required by law from the list of products subject to obligatory certification in Ukraine; help national producers gradually change their production methods so as to become able to export not only raw materials but also the finished products;
- upgrade the laboratory facilities of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service and bring them in line with international standards by the end of 2011;
- equip border inspection points, so as to enable them to carry out official phytosanitary, veterinary, sanitary and epidemiological control;
- harmonize legislation related to customs procedures with that of the EU so, as to enable national customs services to operate more efficiently.

<http://www.unian.net>, 17.06.2011

The Ukrainian First Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Economic Development and Trade Andriy Klyuyev and the Chinese Minister of Commerce Chen Demin signed the Protocol between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the Ministry of Commerce of the PRC to periodically exchange tentative lists of export and import goods sold through bilateral trade.

According to Mr. Klyuyev, the Protocol should enrich and improve the structure of bilateral trade and ensure its balanced development. The signing took place in the presence of Ukrainian and Chinese delegations headed by the Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich and the China's President Hu Jintao.

The Press Service of the Ministry of Economic Development, 20.06.2011

Ukraine and the European Union are holding a plenary meeting of the seventeenth round of FTA negotiations in Kiev. The delegations are headed respectively by Deputy Economics Minister of Ukraine Valeriy Pyatnitsky and Director of European Commission's DG Trade Rupert Schlegelmilch.

While opening the meeting, the delegations' heads underlined their willingness to constructively work to find compromise solutions on principal issues which are still unresolved so as to

facilitate the completion of negotiations by the end of this year.

The Press Service of the Ministry of Economic Development, 21.06.2011

Food Safety

International training workshop on the EU requirements for official monitoring of veterinary residues and contaminants in live animals and unprocessed animal products will be held in Kiev from 21 to 23 June 2011. The event will be attended by over 50 representatives of veterinary services from such Central Asian and Eastern European countries as Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The workshop is being organized by the European Commission's DG Health and Consumer Protection as part of the Better Training for Safer Food Programme with the support of the Ukraine's State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service. Topics related to the EU legislation in the field of official control of foodstuffs and feed, methods to detect veterinary drug residues and methods to develop and implement national residue-monitoring plans are planned to be discussed during the workshop. It is also envisaged that the workshop participants will visit a dairy farm, a slaughterhouse and the State Research Institute for Laboratory Diagnostics and Veterinary-Sanitary Examination to familiarize themselves with the way the official control and the laboratory examination of the collected samples are carried out.

www.vet.gov.ua, 21.06.2011

After having received special assignments from the State Committee for Consumer Standards and to account for numerous changes in regulatory documents and cases of non-compliance in quality of products, during 2010 and the first quarter 2011 the Ivano-Frankivsk Standard Metrology Enterprise revised all the 206 specifications for food products which it has previously registered. 76 owners of quality specifications for foodstuffs (representing 37% of the registered food specifications) were informed on the need to amend their specifications for the latter to comply with the national regulations and laws. 102 of the locally issued food specifications found to meet the requirements, 7 specifications have been amended, 26 cancelled, 62 are being amended, 9 expiration warnings were issued.

www.agroua.net, 22.06.2011

Market Infrastructure

Ukrainian grain is now \$30 cheaper than that from other countries due to the fact that Ukraine was not present at the grain market last year, the chairman of the National Bank Council Petro Poroshenko said during his visit to Vinnytsia. "Ukrainian grain now costs \$30 less than that from other countries and Ukrainian and Russian producers are not allowed to participate in grain tenders because they are being regarded as unreliable and due to the fact that in our countries administrative regulation is being applied. As a result of VAT not being returned, price discounts for Ukrainian grain and administrative constraints, Ukrainian farmers are losing from 80 to 100 dollars per tonne of grain, while the prices for fuel, fertilizers and plant protection products are not being discounted", Mr. Poroshenko said. He also believes that "only a clear coordination between producers and authorities will ensure the growth of living standards".

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15 vegetable storages, 12 of them equipped with refrigeration systems, will be built in Dnipropetrovsk oblast. Six storages will be put into operation by the end of this year, while another 9 will be completed by the end of 2012. Their total capacity will be almost 45 thousand

tons. This was said by deputy head of the Dnipropetrovsk Oblast State Administration Oleksandr Lyubovych.

Dnipropetrovsk oblast occupies second place in Ukraine as to the volume of gross vegetable harvest. The annual gross harvest of vegetables is now 550 thousand tons, which is almost 20% or by 104.6 thousand tons more than in 1990. The recent inventory of local vegetable storages showed that currently in Dnipropetrovsk oblast there are 55 vegetable storages with a total capacity of 146.1 thousand tons, with refrigeration capacity being 102.9 thousand tons. Nine vegetable storages with a total capacity of 30.8 tons are equipped with gas regulation systems.

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Rural Development

This is a fair land rent, and not land sale prices, that the land reform aims to fix during its first stage, Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich said. "We have agreed upon the concept and the plan of the land reform. The reform will enable some 6.5 million of land share owners to get a fair rent for their land and eventually provide them with an opportunity to sell it on certain conditions, which are still to be defined. But one will be able to sell the land only within Ukraine", the President said at a meeting with the Vinnytsia oblast representatives. According to Mr. Yanukovich, a temporary moratorium to sell the land to foreigners will be imposed for a period of time to be defined more precisely later.

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"The setting-up of agricultural cooperatives is an effective tool for rural development " was the basic idea of the round table entitled "Legal obstacles to development of agri-coops and ways to overcome them", which has gathered experts from the Institute of Agrarian Markets Development, the Ukrainian Agribusiness Club, and the National Agricultural Extension Services Association, and co-ops' heads from Crimea and Kirovograd oblast. The roundtable was organized by the UNDP Crimea Development and Integration Programme and the Union of Service Cooperatives Members. The head of the Department for Research and Educational Support to Agri-Producers and Rural Development Sinjavaska I.M. assured the round table participants that MAPF is ready to jointly overcome legal obstacles to the development of cooperatives. According to the Minister Mykola Prisyazhnyuk, agricultural cooperatives can substantially contribute to combating poverty in rural areas and spurring increased activities in rural communities. The round table participants discussed amendments proposed to the Tax, Civil and Commercial Codes and to the laws On Cooperation and On Agricultural Cooperation.

MAPF Press Service, 16.06.2011

The Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food will actively support the development of organic agriculture. This was said by the Minister Mykola Prisyazhnyuk. According to Mr. Prisyazhnyuk, the development of organic farming is, in the long run, the key to the competitiveness of Ukrainian agriculture. "Organic farming is the current world trend. All over the world people have already understood the importance of growing quality and safe food. The development of organic farming can make Ukrainian produce competitive on the international market in the long-term perspective", Mr. Prisyazhnyuk said. According to the Minister, much attention is now paid to introducing organic farming courses at national agricultural universities and to raising consumers' awareness on the benefits of organic products.

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The Ukrainian Parliament adopted the law # 7512 On Amendments to Certain Ukrainian Legislative Acts Related to Setting Up and Operation of Farms. According to the new law, every capable citizen of Ukraine, aged 18 or over, shall have the right to set up a farm, if he/she

expressed the wish to do so.

The law also establishes that documents confirming personal experience in agriculture or an agricultural degree should be added to the application to create a farm. The agricultural ministry should submit to the Cabinet of Ministers the list of documents confirming personal experience in agriculture.

The Land Reform in Ukraine Centre 20.06.2011