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## **WTO and Neighbourhood Policy**

Ukrainian foreign minister Konstyantyn Hrytsenko met in Vilnius with Dutch foreign minister Uri Rosenthal to discuss a wide range of issues related to bilateral cooperation. In particular, they talked about ways to enhance cooperation in trade and investments. "Special attention was paid to the importance of the Netherlands supporting Ukraine in its European aspirations concerning successful completion of negotiations on Association Agreement which will include creation of a deep and comprehensive free trade area with the EU. The ministers also touched upon the prospects of visa-free travel for Ukrainian citizens", ministerial note reads.

[www.unian.net](http://www.unian.net), 02.07.2011

July 4, Polish-Ukrainian Presidents Advisory Committee met in Kiev under the chairmanship of the head of Ukrainian Presidential Administration Sergiy Liovochkin and the head of Polish Presidential Office Jacek Michalowski. Issues related to the political dialogue between Ukraine and Poland in 2011 and the state of implementation of Roadmap for Ukrainian-Polish Cooperation in 2011-2012 were discussed. Central was the issue of the Association Agreement and the FTA between Ukraine and the EU to being possibly concluded under the presidency of Poland in the EU Council.

Presidential Press Service, 04.07.2011

The European Union hopes to complete negotiations on signing the Association Agreement with Ukraine in the next six months, said the head of EC Delegation to Ukraine Jose Manuel Pinto Teixeira at a press conference in Kiev. "We hope that negotiations can be completed in the next six months, and it is the goal that both sides expressed", he said. However, while answering journalists' questions regarding democracy building in Ukraine, Mr. Teixeira said that completion of negotiations, although important, is only one of several stages which further include ratification of the Agreement. "Concerning democracy and political aspects we know that Ukraine is in the process of democratization, and we hope that the Agreement will contribute to consolidate this process and help Ukraine strengthen its political system", he said. According to Mr. Teixeira, Ukraine still has a lot to do to ensure the confidence of all the 27 EU states so as to make its EU membership possible. "A unanimous decision of all the EU members is needed for a new country to acquire EU membership, and consolidation of democracy is very important in this respect", Mr. Teixeira said.

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The European Parliament set up a group which includes representatives of all European parties to support Ukraine's European integration. Polish MEP Pavel Zalewski was elected as group's coordinator. This was said by the co-chairman of "The European Choice" (Ukrainian Parliament group) Anatoly Kinah, who, together with his colleague Ivan Plyushch, attended the inaugural meeting of the newly formed group yesterday in Strasbourg. Priorities of inter-parliamentary cooperation between Ukraine and the EU will be to harmonize Ukrainian legislation and life

standards with that of the EU, and consolidate the efforts of Ukrainian and European politicians in order to successfully conclude negotiations on signing the Association Agreements and the FTA between Ukraine and the European Union.

UAIE, 06.07.2011

## Food Safety

There took place an international training workshop on EU requirements for official surveillance of veterinary residues and contaminants in live animals and unprocessed animal products.

The event was organized by the European Commission's Directorate General for Health and Consumer Protection under the Better Training for Safer Food initiative with the support of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine. The workshop was attended by veterinary experts from Azerbaijan, Belarus, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. Participants visited a dairy farm entitled Ltd. Molochna Kompanija (Zghurivka rayon) and a slaughter house entitled Ltd. Ukrprompostach (Pereyaslav-Khmelnynckij rayon). The workshop participants were presented with the activities of the Food and Veterinary Office (FVO), EU legislation on veterinary residues and related requirements for third countries, EU legislation on pharmacologically active substances, ways to establish MRLs in animal products and research methods to control veterinary residues. The issue of official controls on veterinary medicines has been addressed separately.

Kyiv Oblast State Veterinary Service, 30.06.2011

Ukrainian delegation took part in the 49th session of the Phytosanitary Regulations Working Group of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization, which was held in Azerbaijan.

There were presented reports on diagnostic protocols to define the following pests: Paysandisia archon, Sternochrtus mangiferae, Ceratitis capitata, Ceratitis cosyra, Rhagoletis completa; and draft standards on Bursaphelenchus xylophilus, Agrilus planipennis, Clavibacter michiganensis subsp. sepedonicus, Ralstonia solanacearum, Potato spindle tuber viroid on potato. Activities to replace paper certificates with digital ones were discussed and PC program for pest risk analysis presented.

www.agroua.net, 30.06.2011

## Market Infrastructure

Ukraine is not ready to create a single grain pool with Russia and Kazakhstan, the First Deputy Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Bezugly said at a briefing. "The related negotiations on a single grain pool are being carried out permanently, but still there is not enough information, and I can not say that we can act on the market as a single grain pool ", Mr. Bezugly said.

Earlier, Prime Minister Mykola Azarov noted that the creation of such a pool is logical and justified: "Since Ukraine, Russia and Kazakhstan occupy approximately 30% of world's grain exports, there is no sense for us to compete with each other. We must coordinate our actions so that the market situation could be predictable and under control", the RBC-Ukraine reports.

<http://finance.obozrevatel.com/>, 30.06.2011

ANNOUNCEMENT

September 15, there will be held II International Conference "Efficient Large-Farm

Management", organized by the Ukrainian Agrarian Business Club (UABC) and the AgriEvent Agency.

Key speakers will be Stefan Duer (Ekoniva/Germany, Russia), Alejandro Lopez (Adecoagro/Argentina, Brazil), Juliana Albertinho, (Aapresid/Argentina), Alexander Petrov (Industrial Milk Company/Ukraine); Ulo Adamson (Trigon Agri/Ukraine, Russia, Estonia), Assad Lapsh (Agrigeneration/France, Ukraine); Alphonse Balmann (Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Central and Eastern Europe/Germany).

UABC, 01.07.2011

The market participants` estimates show that during 5 months of this year meat and dairy producers received 98% less state subsidies than in the same period of 2010. Only UAH 5 million of milk subsidies and UAH 7 million of meat subsidies were allocated to agricultural enterprises during the first 5 months of this year, which is almost 98% less than in the same period last year. National livestock farmers will probably not receive UAH 2 billion of state subsidies this year, the amount of subsidies allocated to them last year, due to changes in taxation regime.

LIGABusinessInform, 04.07.2011

## **Rural Development**

Ukrainian Parliament adopted the draft law On Amendments to Certain Legislative Acts of Ukraine strengthening control over the use of land resources. The draft proposes to amend the law On State Control Over Land Use and Land Protection, which defines the powers of executive bodies for state control over land protection standards and soil fertility preservation. Amendments are also proposed to be made to the law On Land Protection introducing the mechanism for compensating agricultural producers for the costs incurred to improve soil fertility.

APK-Inform, 06.07.2011

Draft law On Amendments to Article 20 of the Ukrainian Land Code (concerning tourist services provided by individuals) was registered in the Ukrainian Parliament. The draft stipulates that "in case of individuals providing temporary accommodation for tourists on building purpose land, the status of this land shall not be changed". Thus, farmers will be able to engage in green tourism without unnecessary hassle of changing the purpose of their land. At the same time, the share of eco-tourism facilities situated outside settlements remains to be unregulated and undetermined.

Recently Deutsche Welle has published an article entitled "Green tourism in the Ukrainian way: are these the problems or the prospects that prevail?" The article focuses on obstacles to the development of this kind of business in Ukraine, among which it mentions about the need for the farmers to change the status of their land.

"Land Reform in Ukraine" Centre. 05.07.2011