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WTO and Neighbourhood Policy

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich will visit Brussels on October 20 at the invitation of the European Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso. According to Ukraine's President, the purpose of the visit is to achieve political agreements needed to complete negotiations on the Association Agreement between Ukraine and the European Union. This was discussed during telephone conversation between Viktor Yanukovich and Jose Manuel Barroso. Mr. Yanukovich stressed that he is set to continue a candid and constructive dialogue with the view of further rapprochement between Ukraine and the European Union. Ukraine's President expressed hope that the whole text of the Agreement will be agreed upon after July and September negotiation rounds.

The Presidential Press Service, 11.07.2011

The Customs Union (CU) commission will soon consider Ukraine's proposals to cooperate according to a "3 +1" formula, diplomatic source said. The diplomat noted that the CU commission will inform Ukraine about further possible forms of cooperation after considering its proposals. "It is clear that negotiations have only started now", he said, adding that Ukraine's joining the CU is out of question.

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The September round of talks on Free Trade Area between Ukraine and the European Union would be "a serious step for summing up the results of previous consultations", the head of Ukrainian delegation and Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade Valery Pyatnitsky said. Mr. Pyatnitsky said that the parties agreed to postpone talks from 26 September to 19 September. "I can not say whether this round will be the final one but it will be a serious step for summing up", the Deputy Minister said. He argues that Kyiv and Brussels "have found a common vision" about all major issues that remained unresolved until recently. "We are working hard to make all the issues terminally clear in the shortest period of time", he said, adding that the Ukrainian side seriously intends to complete all the work by the end of this year. The Deputy Minister also said that Kyiv and Brussels officials met with business representatives in Spain to discuss the issue of geographical names for food. According to Mr. Pyatnitsky, the parties have already started to deal with such practical issues as "elaborating the technical assistance plan." Both Ukrainian and European experts will work with the Ukrainian Government and local business representatives to elaborate this plan so as to identify specific assistance that will be given to each Ukrainian enterprise involved.

Interfax-Ukraine, 12.07.11

Food Safety

Ukraine has temporarily banned imports of vegetable products from EU which are not accompanied by an official document testifying to their E. coli bacteria free status. The products mentioned include potatoes, tomatoes, onions, cabbage, carrots, beets, cucumbers, beans, etc. The official document should be issued by an exporting country's competent authority and vegetables should be tested in official veterinary laboratories. This decision was taken by the Ministry for Agrarian Policy and Food and the Chief State Inspectorate for Plant Quarantine in order to prevent importation of dangerous plant products into Ukraine.

www.vet.gov.ua, 07.07.2011

The Customs Union (CU) Veterinary Service has doubts about the quality of Ukrainian animal products. As reported in the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance (Rosselkhozadzor), all related issues will be discussed during the meeting scheduled for July 11, where there will be presented the results of an inspection of Ukrainian establishments carried out by the experts from Rosselkhozadzor and Kazakhstan veterinary service from 6 to 17 June. "The inspection has shown that some Ukrainian companies that are included to the lists of authorised exporters do not meet not only the CU veterinary requirements but also those of Ukrainian veterinary services", the Rosselkhozadzor representative said. According to him, decision will be taken at the meeting to whether re-inspect Ukrainian companies or revise the existing list of companies authorised to import animal products to CU countries.

Interfax, 08.07.2011

The Turkish Customs has detained a batch of genetically modified maize from Ukraine in the Turkish port of Bandirma. This was reported by the Turkish newspaper Hurriyet and several local news agencies. The Turkish experts checked two Ukrainian ships called «OSAMA» and "Volga-Balt 212" which were carrying maize. Tests showed the maize to be of GM origin. The total weight of the batch is 6.6 thousand tons. The cargo was destined for Turkish food producing companies. The importers' names were not disclosed, but the Turkish police sources said among them there is one "well known" company. Investigations concerning 12 officials from the importing companies and two agricultural officials, who declared that Ukrainian maize was of natural origin and issued the permission for its import, have already started. Let us remind the reader that there are no officially registered GM plants growing in Ukraine.

www.liga.net, 10.07.2011

The State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine banned imports of leguminous crops from Egypt. It is reported that the ban was introduced on July 7. In addition, the imports of beans from the EU were banned on June 15.

As the UNIAN reported earlier, the EU has temporarily (from July 5 till October 31) banned the imports of beans from Egypt because of their being suspected to have caused outbreaks of intestinal diseases. In addition, the EU decided to withdraw from circulation all beans imported from Egypt in 2009-2010 and destroy them.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 11.07.2011

It is not true that Ukraine has recently banned the import of vegetables from the European Union, the press secretary of the Ukrainian State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service Anatoly Osadchy said. It was in June that the control of European vegetables was increased. On June 9 the Ministry for Agrarian Policy and Food has adopted a relevant decision N 4250-012-1 due to the outbreak of intestinal infection in the EU. "The relevant agencies have not recently received any additional orders from the MAPF", Mr. Osadchy underlined. Let us remind the reader that earlier the official web site of the Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service reported about the introduction of a temporary ban on imports of vegetable products that did not undergo special

tests.

LIHABusinessInform, 11.07.2011

While conducting inspections of Ukrainian establishments, the representatives of the Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance of the Russian Federation (Rosselkhoznadzor) and national veterinary services of Belarus and Kazakhstan detected Chinese pork not qualified to be imported to Russia on some Ukrainian companies producing finished meat products. Rosselkhoznadzor added that products containing Chinese pork were accompanied by veterinary documents issued by the State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine.

After considering the results of the inspections conducted on Ukrainian companies interested in importing their products to the CU counties, national veterinary authorities of the CU member states decided to allow three Ukrainian companies to continue to import animal products to Russia and include one company to the register of third countries` companies. In the same time 22 companies were considered to fail to pass inspection, and the import of their products to the CU has been temporarily restricted. 10 companies have not been permitted to be included to the register of third countries` companies.

<http://www.unian.net>, 13.07.2011

Market infrastructure

In 2010 Ukrainian exports of fish and seafood increased by 5% compared with 2009, said the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prisyazhnyuk speaking at the ceremonial meeting of fishery employees dedicated to the Day of Fishing. The minister noted the State Programme entitled Regeneration of Aquatic Resources in Inland Waters and Azov and Black Seas, thanks to which the number of fishes in Ukrainian water bodies increased by 5.6 million in 2010 and reached almost 50 million.

LIHABusinessInform, 07.07.2011

In January-June 2011 the total agricultural production in Ukraine has increased by 3.2% compared to same period in 2010. This was disclosed by the Ukrainian State Statistics Service.

APK-Inform, 12.07.2011

An EU expert on beef markets Martin Palmer expressed doubts about Ukraine`s being prepared to export beef to EU countries. "Given the estimated decline in livestock to the end of 2015, the EU will need about 500 thousand tons of imported beef. But Ukraine will not be able to sell its beef to the EU, since it does not meet any relevant quality standards and costs more than 300 euros per 100 kg", Mr. Palmer said.

RBC-Ukraine, 13.07.11

Rural Development

July 7, Ukrainian Parliament adopted the law On State Land Cadastre (registered under # 8077). The law establishes legal, economic and organizational framework for activities related to the State Land Cadastre. According to the newly adopted law, the State Land Cadastre shall be a single official database storing geographic information about land located within the state border of Ukraine, land`s purpose, limitations in the use of particular land, as well as quantitative and qualitative characteristics of land, land assessment information, and information about distribution of land between owners and users.

APK-Inform, 07.07.2011

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich is convinced that only a systematic approach to the agricultural sector and rural development problems will enable one to solve them. He said this at a press-conference for central, regional and international media. Mr. Yanukovich said that priorities in agricultural and rural development are currently being defined. "We have to adopt all the land reform related regulations in this year", he said. The President stressed that land reform "is the path that will enable one to raise additional funds for rural infrastructure development."

The Presidential Press Service, 08.07.2011

The launch of agricultural land market will positively impact the life of every rural resident in Ukraine. Today the main task is to convey true and correct information on land ownership to rural inhabitants. Local authorities have to play a key role in this respect, said the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysyzhnyuk. The MAPF head said that the Ministry has started an extensive awareness raising campaign to explain the merits of land reform to rural residents. However it is difficult to succeed in this regard without the help of local authorities. "Today the moral obligation of each village deputy and each village chairman is to contribute to this work. Since every Ukrainian farmer wants to understand how the launch of land markets will impact his own life and the live of his family", Mr. Prysyzhnyuk said.

MAPF, 12.07.2011