

 <b>МІНІСТЕРСТВО АГРАРНОЇ ПОЛІТИКИ ТА ПРОДОВОЛЬСТВА УКРАЇНИ</b>	 <b>Проект фінансується Європейським Союзом</b>	 <b>Проект впроваджується консорціумом на чолі з WYG International</b>
<i>Implementation of Ukrainian's Commitments under WTO and ENP Frameworks in the Rural sector EuropeAid/126205/C/SER/UA</i>		

## Overview of Latest Rural Developments

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- **WTO and Neighbourhood Policy**

On April 5 at the Governmental meeting the Instruction of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On approval of a Plan of priority measures concerning the integration of Ukraine into the EU in 2012” was approved, which was prepared by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on the instruction of the President of Ukraine after the last Ukraine-EU Summit. During the process of preparing the Instruction Project was approved by 22 central authorities of the executive power.

The purpose of the Plan of measures is to ensure the fulfilment of the priority task in the field of European integration by concerned ministries and authorities, which were established by provisions of Agenda of Ukraine-EU Association, decisions of the Fifteenth Ukraine-EU Summit of December 19, 2011, instructions of the President of Ukraine according to the results of the Summit, as well as implementation of tasks fulfilment stipulated in the Plan of priority measures concerning the integration of Ukraine into EU as of 2011.

A lot of measures of the Plan include development and maintenance of draft laws, the adoption of which will facilitate the social and economic transformations, the realization of the Program of economic reforms of the President of Ukraine as of 2010-2014 “Wealthy society, competitive economy, effective state”, the preparation of implementation of the further Association Agreement between Ukraine and EU.

The adoption of this Instruction will allow the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine to monitor effectively the stage of realization of tasks stipulated in the Plan.

<http://www.kmu.gov.ua>, 05.04.2012

European integration vector is the set key priority of the foreign economic policy of Ukraine. It was noticed by Petro Poroshenko, the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, on April 5 during the meeting with the chairman of EU representative office in Ukraine Jose Manuel Pintu Teishera, as the Cabinet of Ministers Press Service informs.

Poroshenko added that the main task for today is the signing and ratification of Association Agreement between Ukraine and EU, an integral part of which is the provision of free trade area. “We consider the Association Agreement as a comprehensive program of major domestic reforms in all fields of political, economic and social life of the state, as modernization of the country”, – mentioned Poroshenko.

He informed that, before the Agreement will come into force, Ukrainian party already holds massive events to prepare domestic market to the work conditions within the frame of free trade area between Ukraine and EU, on a permanent basis the harmonization of Ukrainian legislation and EU legislation is carried out.

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Time before signing the Association Agreement between Ukraine and European Union shall be

used to prepare different economic branches to the work under the free trade area conditions with EU. Yevhen Perelyhin, the Head of Department on European integration of the President of Ukraine Administration, said this in an interview to TV channel TVi.

“The Agreement offers great opportunities, which should be used. Ukraine has to prepare for this. First of all in the part of free trade area to make our products more competitive at the European market”, – Ye. Perelyhin said.

Ye. Perelyhin also pointed out that due to the Association Agreement Ukraine will take part in the large number of EU programs (there are more than 30 now). In addition, he said that the decision of EU to provide Ukraine with long-term transitional period to adjust to European Union standards was positive.

Press Service of Viktor Yanukovich, the President of Ukraine, 09.04.2012

Ukraine intends to accelerate negotiations with EU so that this year EU experts could start the inspection of milk processing enterprises to open access of Ukrainian goods at European market. Petro Poroshenko, the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, said this during the briefing.

He pointed out that the relevant agreement was reached during negotiations with the EU officials. He also said that the requirements for markets opening of European party stipulate the inventory survey of the Ukrainian herd of cattle that was not calculated because of high price of tags. “Tags, that cost in Europe 30-40 eurocents, were sold for Ukrainian farmers at the price of UAH 60”, – said the Minister.

He added that he has an intention to initiate the adoption of the Cabinet of Ministers’ decision to supply farmers with free of charge tags for herd of cattle inventory survey, to carry out the inventory survey very quickly so to ensure the beginning of inspection of milk processing enterprises.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 10.04.2012

## ■ **Food safety**

The delegation of experts of State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine took part in the scientific seminar on the spread of Schmallenger disease in Brussels (Kingdom of Belgium). Today the Schmallenger Virus affects cattle, sheep, goats, representative of grazing mammals in wild fauna (bison).

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 06.04.2012

Russian Consumer Supervision can open a laboratory in Ukraine to monitor cheeses that are delivered to Russia. According to own journalist of UNIAN in RF, Hennadii Onischenko, the Chief sanitary inspector of Russia, reported about this during the briefing in Moscow.

According to him this will help to avoid the situation when cheese is not allowed to Russia on the border. He pointed out that in the case if cheese would not meet the requirements, but there would be the checking document, Russian Consumer Supervision will deal with directly with the laboratory.

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For today the import of breeding cattle and semen of stud bulls from Holland is very important for the development of domestic animal industry. In addition, after signing of relevant document delivery to Ukraine of Holland beef and milk replacer will be restored. Volodymyr Horzheiev, the first Deputy Head of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine, reported about this.

“So far for Ukraine the important issue is the development of the procedure of delivery to Ukraine of stud bulls and the development of international veterinary certificate of semen

delivery. Thus, the Ukrainian manufacturers will be able to improve the genetic potential of the cattle and livestock productiveness”, – informed Volodymyr Horzheiev.

In addition, the issue of Holland beef import is still important, because Ukraine doesn't import this product from Europe because of a large number of incidents of encephalopathy of cattle. But now when Ukraine is a member of WTO the issue of resumption of deliveries of this product to our country was reconsidered.

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On April 10 the experts of Russian Consumer Supervision will again come to Ukraine to check the enterprises that produce cheeses. This was informed by Hennadii Onischenko, the Chief sanitary inspector of Russia, while answering the question of our journalist of UNIAN in RF.

He said that Russian Consumer Supervision is in negotiations with some Ukrainian manufacturers of cheese. “They come to me and we agree with them faster. Even after having a meeting in Kyiv the representatives of some plants came to me”, – he said. H. Onischenko pointed out that the statement of Ukrainian party that found Ukrainian cheeses in Russia are falsifiers and are manufactured by Russian manufacturers, are not important because these are not famous brands. And the events that happened at Ukrainian plants were the result of system problems and require harmonizing the requirement to cheese products. “Our requirements to cheeses are the law in Russia, and in Ukraine – department act of Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food. Different weight categories and the relations to it are the following”, – he said.

H. Onischenko informed that during his visit to Ukraine he was interested in the control system of cheeses manufacturing. “In any product in civilized country, especially in, such products as cheese and milk, cost price of which is up to 30%, the internal laboratory control must be held... Not just aunt Masha bit a cheese”, - he said.

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The Capital Veterinary Police stopped Belorussian lot of milk products that was disposed at one of the wholesale outlets in Kyiv. As reported in the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine, among seized products there is milk, yoghurt, kefir, butter and baby food – over 10 tons of products that were imported into the country without permits and were kept in improper conditions.

We remind that from the beginning of March the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine prohibited importation of milk products from Belorussia because of regular excess of remaining veterinary drugs in it (mainly antibiotics). Last year up to 1.3 tons of butter and 3.6 tons of canned milk were imported to Ukraine.

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## ■ **Market Infrastructure**

The Government plans to allocate UAH 500 Mio from the state budget to compensate credit interests for agrarians. Mykola Prysiazhniuk, the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food, reported about this situation at press conference in Zhytomyr, as UNIAN journalist informs.

In particular, according to the Minister, “there are governmental discussions concerning agrarians support”. He added that this year will be significant for Ukrainian agrarians, taking into account that winter cereals overwintered in a quite difficult conditions.

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Agroholding UkrLandFarming, the largest producer of chicken eggs in Ukraine, agreed with the largest machine-building corporation of China Sinomach to attract 4 billion of USD for improvement of its producing capacity. The Memorandum of Intents was signed on April 9.

Upon this Memorandum the investments of China company CAMC Engineering Co., Ltd.

(subdivision of Sinomach) will be allocated to the construction of elevators, protein clusters from the production of pork and poultry, and to the improvement of sugar factory and creation of joint enterprise for collection of agricultural machinery with the help of PJSC “Agromash I-F” (Ivano-Frankivsk) capacities. Further the agricultural machinery will be sold in Ukraine.

The structure of holding includes 111 horizontal storages for seeds, 6 seeds factories, 19 poultry plants, 9 layer chicken farms, 3 multiplication farms, 3 breeding farms, 6 mixed feed farms, 3 storages of long term keeping, plant of egg products “Imperovo Foods”, 6 sugar factories, 19 meat packing houses, 2 factories of leather manufacture. The company owns 68 thousands of cattle livestock.

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The situation in the domestic milk industry is under strict control, and the agreements made with Russia during negotiations in Kyiv, are fulfilled. This was reported by Petro Poroshenko, the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, during the meeting with the representatives of milk processing enterprises on April 10. He said: “It is necessary to coordinate milk processing enterprises activity and the activity of the state to solve the problem that curbs Ukrainian exports into Russian Federation markets.

“The problem is put into completely technical cooperation that will ensure the compliance of Ukrainian products with those standards and requirements that are stated in technical regulations of RF”, – Petro Poroshenko pointed out.

Governmental portal, 11.04.2012

## ▪ **Rural Development**

The Government intends to allow to village and town councils to involve into the district budgets 100% of tax of natural persons income if the fund of salary overpasses the last year indices multiplied by interest of average wage raise in the country. This was reported by Serhii Tihipko Vice-Prime Minister, the minister of Social Policy, during the press conference, as RBK-Ukraine journalist informs.

According to him, with the help of this agreement the Government intends to encourage local authorities to improve investment situation in regions and create new work places. He is sure that such approach will give an opportunity to create “serious interest for the performers to attract investors”.

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State Agency of land Resources of Ukraine informs about divulgation of draft regulation of the cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine “On Amendments of regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of March 23, 1995 No. 213 and of November 23, 2011 No. 1278”.

Draft regulation is made up to reduce the terms of normative monetary value of lands (provision of extract from technical documents of normative monetary value of these lands) up to 7 days.

<http://www.myland.org.ua>, 09.04.2012

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine is considering an opportunity of compensation payment for farmers for keeping young cattle livestock. This was reported by Mykola Azarov, the Prime minister of Ukraine, while visiting Mykola Kyschenko, the farmer, in Velyka Tarasivka village.

During working visit to Kyiv oblast the Prime Minister had a look at household of the farmer M.Kyschenko, communicated with his family and peasant. He said that it is necessary to create conditions so that young people would not leave the village, but would develop farms, and also he said that the Government will do all the things needed for rural development.

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