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▪ **WTO and Neighborhood Policy**

The effectiveness of the reforms determined by Ukraine-EU bilateral documents will contribute to improving Ukrainian citizens' standards of living and will make the process of Ukraine's European integration irreversible. This was announced by First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Valeriy Khoroshkovskiy during a meeting with EU Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy Stefan Fule, which was held April 25, 2012 in Brussels.

The meeting focused on the problems of internal reforms in Ukraine as a catalyst to enhance relations with the EU in the Association Agreement context. Ukraine is ready to conclude the Agreement without any delay. Over the past two months Ukraine has made significant progress towards European integration. "Those key problems that could not be solved over the years were solved in the last two months. And we will continue to move in this direction", the First Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine emphasized.

Interlocutors also exchanged views on political situation in Ukraine, in particular, on the process of preparation for the parliamentary elections in October 2012. The parties agreed to hold next meeting of the EU-Ukraine Cooperation Council on May 15, this year in Brussels.

Press Service of the First Vice Prime Minister, 26.04.2012

The eleventh session of Ukrainian-Austrian joint commission on trade and economic ties was held in Kyiv. According to Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Commission co-chairman Volodymyr Bandurov, this meeting resulted in becoming another important step towards deepening of Ukrainian-Austrian trade, economic and investment relations.

"The atmosphere of discussions was constructive and business-like. The sides have diligently worked on proposals for further mutual cooperation. Programs and projects that both sides have mutual interests in were outlined", Volodymyr Bandurov said. He stressed that Ukraine is consistently developing its relations with European countries and the policy of gradual integration into the European community remains unchanged.

The Deputy Minister expressed hope that the sides will make further efforts to develop cooperation in trade, agriculture, energy, transport, tourism, as well as regional cooperation.

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▪ **Food Safety**

According to the Department of Veterinary Medicine in the Kherson region on April 24, 2012 the epizootic investigation has found 10 pig carcasses infected with *Trichinella* larvae, which were kept in households in the villages Mykolayivka and Cozatske of Borislav district, Kherson region.

8 pig carcasses were burned (3 pig carcasses that were found in agro-food market enterprise "Novokahovsky City" from Novokahovka and 5 infected pigs, which were held in the

households). Two pig carcasses that were slaughtered without ante and post mortem inspection by state veterinary experts, were sent to the market.

The reasons that led to Trichinella infection are being established. The Department of Veterinary Medicine in the Kherson region conducts recreational activities.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 26.04.2012

During the meeting of the Committee on Economic Reforms Minister of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine Mykola Prysiazhniuk said that adoption of the Draft Law "On Food Quality and Safety" and harmonization of food standards with European standards is a priority step in the development of Ukraine's agricultural sector and economic growth of the country.

"The main purpose of the Draft Law "On Food Quality and Safety" is to impose liability on the manufacturers. So the main issue is harmonization with the EU standards. We need to establish standards and protection measures and use deregulation to attract investments", Mykola Prysiazhniuk said.

Implementation of the necessary measures is planned to be done during May-June this year.

Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine, 26.04.2012

The director of the Veterinary Medicine Department of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine Vitaliy Bashinsky thinks that Kyiv and Minsk are able to resolve the issue of Belarusian dairy products supplies to the Ukrainian market after the May holidays. "Belarusians adequately respond to the world change, so I think that they will get permission for the import of dairy products in Ukraine soon. This will be possible after May holidays", he said. Mr. Bashynskiy also noted that the plan of activities is half-done by the Belarusian side.

In March, experts of State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine have audited the Belarusian meat and dairy products safety control system.

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State inspectors on plant quarantine in Kyiv forestalled import of contaminated greengrocery to Ukraine. Infected cargo was discovered during the phytosanitary border control in international Boryspil airport.

Production was shipped from Israel. The inspection and phytosanitary examination revealed that fresh arugula (*Eruca sativa*) was infected with western flower thrips. In order to prevent spread of the pest in Ukraine 0.97 tonnes of contaminated greengrocery was detained and sent for decontamination.

<http://www.vet.gov.ua/>, 28.04.2012

▪ **Market Infrastructure**

Rospotrebnadzor completed inspection of the fourth Ukrainian company "Dubnomoloko", which intends to supply cheese to Russian market. "Today our experts returned to Moscow. The claims remain the same - violation of production technology", Chief State sanitary doctor Gennadiy Onishchenko.

"Recommendations to address the violations are provided. As for restoration of Ukrainian products supplies, it will be done in accordance with the agreements", he added.

"Meanwhile inspected Ukrainian cheese companies still can not supply products to the Russian market, despite the official permission of Rospotrebnadzor", the Director of State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine Vitaliy Bashinsky said.

"We have heard that the three inspected plants are permitted to export to Russia, but there are no shipments so far. There is no entry permit form at the border, therefore Russia does not permit the supplies", he said and added that under the agreement with Rospotrebnadzor Ukrainian cheese producers are going to sign a memorandum of compliance of the Russian department officers.

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The Minister of Agriculture and Food Mykola Prysiashniuk informed that volume of grain exported by Ukraine at beginning of the marketing year (MY) amounted to 17.4 million tons, while the by end of MY Ukraine plans to export another 8.5 million tons.

According to him, the transitional cereal stocks at the beginning of a new MY, depending on the pace of their exports by the end of this year, could reach 11 million tons. The Minister said that such transitional stocks volumes will reserve the price situation at the cereal market and the market of bread and bread products

The Minister noted that the increase of grain yield among creates the problem of storage. The capacity of existing certified elevators is about 32 million tons, and there is a need of construction of 30 million tons extra space. So, the additional 200 linear and 2 port elevators are necessary to be built.

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The Head of Department of Investments and Infrastructure of the Department of Economic Development and Agricultural Market of Ministry of Agricultural Policy Oleksiy Kuzmenkov said that this year Ukraine will open six wholesale markets of agricultural products. New markets will be opened in Zaporizhya, Kherson, Mariupol, Odessa and Rivne regions.

The Ministry of Agriculture noted the positive dynamics of investment in infrastructure facilities, including wholesale markets of agricultural products. "When the issue of wholesale markets construction began to rise, the private investors would not invest in such facilities, because of the long-term payback period. But history proves that such world markets are operating successfully for a long time, and businessmen are interested in investing. We begin to see such trends in our country", Kuzmenkov said.

No restrictions for sellers and developed infrastructure are among the advantages of wholesale trading platform. Oleksiy Kuzmenkov reminded that today such wholesale markets as "Shuvar" in Lviv, "Stolychniy" in Kiev and "Gospodar" in Donetsk are operating. "We believe that these markets have already begun to operate", Kuzmenkov summed up.

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▪ **Rural Development**

On April 25, during the Government meeting a resolution "On Amendments to Paragraph 1 of the Regulation on the Land Monitoring", developed by the Parliament of Ukraine, was adopted.

The resolution of Parliament of Ukraine on October 12, 2011 № 1048 "On Amendments to the Acts of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on the Activities of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources and Recognition of Some Decrees of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine as Being Invalid", developed by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources, amended the Regulation on the land monitoring, according to which the monitoring of soil on agricultural lands is conducted in accordance with the regulation, approved by the State Land Agency.

According to the Land Code of Ukraine and the Law of Ukraine "On Land Protection", State Land Agency of Ukraine provides land monitoring.

But at the same time, according to the Law of Ukraine "On Protection of Lands" and the Law of Ukraine "On State Control Over the Use and Protection of Lands", the central executive authority on agricultural policy has credentials of the land monitoring.

According to the provisions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Ukraine, Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine approves the regulations on monitoring of soil on agricultural lands and monitors these soils.

The above collision between amendments made by the resolution № 1048 of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine on October 12, 2011, and legislation has arisen due to the fact that the draft resolution was designed by the Ministry of Environment at a time when the President of Ukraine has not completely defined functions and credentials of the central authorities in the

administrative reform framework.

Thus, the resolution "On Amendments to Paragraph 1 of the Regulation on the Monitoring of Lands" aligns the resolution of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine № 661 "On Approval of the Land Monitoring", dated August 20, 1993, to the above legislation acts.

Press Service of the Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, 26.04.2012

In Crimea, investors and agricultural producers, who master the new irrigated lands, will be provided with a discount on water supply services. This was said at a meeting of the Council of Ministers by the chairman of the Republican Committee of Crimea on Water Economy Construction and Irrigated Agriculture Ihor Vail. According to him, an investor who masters irrigated lands area of 70-210 hectares, is expected to be provided with 10% discount, 210-500 hectares - 20% discount, and an area of 500 hectares and more - up to 30% discount. "Republican Committee of Crimea on Water Economy Construction is developing mechanisms for providing such benefits. We expect that the discount will attract investment in agricultural development", Mr. Vail said.

The meeting approved the plan of water supply for crops irrigation, for the water reservoirs and fish ponds.

The land irrigation process will be provided with 693.1 million cubic meters of water from the North-Crimean Canal and local sources. Mizhgirne, Feodosia, Frontove, Leninske, Stantsiyne and Samarlinske water reservoirs will receive 92 million cubic meters of water. 13.2 million cubic meters of water will be provided for fish breeding. "By May 3 all the channels in the amount of 173 million cubic meters will be filled with water, and we can start watering. This will fully provide economy of Crimea with water", Ihor Vail said.

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