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Overview of Latest Rural Developments August 2-8, 2012

WTO and Neighborhood Policy

The European Commission adopted the first part of the Regional Action Programme for Eastern Neighbours. The programme aims to protect the environment and develop transport in EU's eastern neighbours, with Ukraine among them. The budget of the first part of the programme is EUR 22 million, the press service of the EU Delegation to Ukraine reports. The programme will help the EU's partner countries develop green economy and sustainable production and consumption. It also aims to strengthen the protection of forests and enforce legislation on forest management.

The programme will also support the Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries in implementing the regional action plan for road safety which aims at making roads safer for vehicles and drivers.

RBC-Ukraine, 02.08.2012

Ratification of the FTA agreement with the CIS is a good sign for Ukrainian farmers, the Vice Prime Minister/Minister of Social Policy Serhij Tihipko said.

According to Mr. Tihipko, in six months Ukraine will discuss how to reduce restrictions placed on Ukrainian products on CIS markets. "I think that's also what we have to do with the FTA with the EU. This will help our producers since they are able to produce but need more markets to sell their products", he added.

However, the experts believe that ratification of the FTA with the CIS in itself will not solve the problem of trade wars.

LIHABusinessInform, 02.08.2012

August 3, 2012, the newly appointed Ambassador of Germany to Ukraine Dr. Christoph Weil handed over the copies of his credentials to Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine Viktor Maiko. The two officials discussed bilateral cooperation and how Germany can support Ukraine in its European integration.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 03.08.2012

Food Safety

August 2, 2012 Ukraine banned the export of pigs and pig products from Zaporizhya oblast since cases of African Swine Fever were registered there, the head of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service Volodymyr Horzheyev reported at a press conference. According to Mr. Horzheyev, Ukraine itself banned the export of pork from Zaporizhya oblast since Russia and Belarus could have banned the export of pork from the whole territory of Ukraine. Ukrainian official said that his agency is now considering whether to prohibit the export of milk products

from Zaporizhzhya oblast. "We do not know yet whether there is a need to ban the export of milk products since we are still negotiating on this issue with our Russian counterparts ", Mr. Horzheyev.

<http://economics.unian.net>, 02.08.2012

Ukrainian Government intends to prohibit the import of unpacked animal products transported in hand luggage due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever (ASF), the head of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service Volodymyr Horzheyev said. "Ukraine has made a balanced step to further protect its territory and its borders", he said at a press conference. According to him, on August 1 the Government amended the Decree № 434 from May 21, 2012 regulating the import of food for own use.

He added that the Government sent these amendments to the interested ministries and departments for coordination.

Interfax-Ukraine, 02.08.2012

Moldova banned pork imports from Ukraine due to the outbreak of African Swine Fever in the Zaporizhzhya oblast. According to Moldavian officials the ban will last until Ukraine completely eradicates ASF.

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The State Scientific-Research Institute of Laboratory Diagnostics and Veterinary Expertise found *Listeria monocytogenes* in frozen pork produced by SADIA SA SIF 1 (Brazil) and mould in baby milk powder produced by "Bellakt" (Belarus). The Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine temporarily banned the import of all animal products from SADIA SA SIF 1 (Brazil) and "Bellakt" (Belarus).

<http://vet.gov.ua/>, 07.08.2012

Two Ukrainian companies ("Atlantic" and "Prydistrovky Combinat") were excluded from the register of businesses allowed to import animal products to Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan, the press service of the Russian Federal Service for Veterinary and Phytosanitary Supervision (Rosselkhoznadzor) reports.

"Atlantic" and "Prydistrovky Combinat" were excluded from the register since they refused to take part in the inspection of the Rosselkhoznadzor experts who plan to check some 30 Ukrainian businesses.

The head of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Services Volodymyr Horzheyev said that Ukrainian veterinarians will check two Russian businesses in Lipetsk and Belgorod which are interested in supplying products to Ukraine with the dates of the visit still being finalised.

<http://www.unian.net>, 08.08.2012

Market Infrastructure

Announcement

August 30-31, 2012 the international wine festival "Yalta. Magarach. Sunny Grape Raceme 2012" will be held at the Magarach National Institute of Grape and Wine in Crimea. There will take place a wine and grape tasting competition. Farmers will sell their wine and grape and the catalogue of the best Ukrainian table grape producers will be issued after the festival.

NAAN Ukraine, 06.08.2012

Ukraine's President Viktor Yanukovich signed the law № 5190-VI amending the article 6 of the law On State Budget for 2012. The amendment increases by UAH 24 billion (from UAH 15 to 39 billion) the guarantees on loans for agricultural projects, the presidential press-service reports.

As reported previously, Mr. Yanukovych signed the law increasing guarantees on loans for public enterprises by 3 times up to UAH 44.5 billion.

RBC-Ukraine, 06.08.2012

The Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysiazhniuk visited the agricultural wholesale market "Capital" in Kiev to see whether all producers can freely sell their products there and get decent profits. During the visit Mr. Prysiazhniuk talked with farmers who assured him that they can freely deliver and sell their products at "Capital".

MAPF, 07.08.2012

Rural Development

Announcement

August 14-19, the National Sorochyntsi Fair will take place in the village of Velyki Sorochyntsi, Mirgorod rayon, Poltava oblast. The official opening of the fair will take place on August 15 at 11.00. Different kinds of food and beverages, clothing and footwear, fur and textile products, jewellery, garden tools, agricultural machinery and fertilizers, building materials, honey, cookware etc. will be sold at the Fair. The event will for the first time include workshops showing how to make Easter eggs, talismans, embroidery, folk jewellery, sculpture and pottery.

<http://economics.unian.net/>, 02.08.2012

The State Land Agency completed the aerial photographing at the scale of 1:25000 and 1:8000 as part of the of "The Issuance of Land Ownership Acts in Rural Areas and Cadastre Development" project. The land management experts made orthophotomaps at the scale of 1:10000 for 602,373.5 square km, at the scale of 1:5000 for 57,255.8 square km and at the scale of 1:2000 for 23,706.9 square km. All the figures correspond with those fixed by the respective contracts. The cadastral index maps for 556,187.4 sq. km., representing 92.8 percent of Ukraine's area, were specified.

The Land Agency has also finished digitizing documents needed to assess settlement lands, privatize agricultural lands and separate communal from public lands.

The Governmental Portal, 03.08.2012

Eight cow owners in Chernihiv oblast received compensations for milking installations amounting to almost UAH 33 thousand, Chernihiv Oblast State Administration reports. The farmers, who own not less than 3 cows, in Bobrovick, Gorodnya, Pryluky, Ripky and Talalaivka rayons received compensations for buying Ukrainian milking installations. The programme provides for compensation to each farmer to be no more than UAH 5 thousand.

The Governmental Portal, 03.08.2012

An up-to-date greenhouse complex is being constructed in the village of Sinkiv, Ternopil oblast. It will be among five biggest greenhouse complexes in Ukraine and one of the biggest in Europe. The enterprise has already concluded contracts for supplying vegetables, the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysiazhniuk said during his working visit to Ternopil oblast. "After visiting this greenhouse complex, we now understand that it will be one of the largest not only in Ukraine, but also in Europe. There are many favourable factors for growing vegetables in Ukraine including 46 million domestic consumers and Ukraine's geographic location allowing for easy export of vegetables to many foreign countries", the minister said. Mr. Prysiazhnyuk said that Sinkiv greenhouse complex will annually produce 4,000 tons of tomato and 1,500 tons of pepper. This will reduce the import of pepper by 20%.

The Governmental Portal, 06.08.2012

The Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food continues to pay subsidies for raising young cattle. The owners of young cattle have already applied for UAH 47 million to raise more than 113 000 calves, the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food Mykola Prysiashniuk said. On June 1, 2012 the Government started to pay special subsidies for raising young cattle aged 3 to 15 months. According to Ukrainian State Statistics Service, as of July 1, 2012, in Ukraine there were 5204.5 thousand heads of cattle. This is 14.9 thousand heads or 0.3% more than last year.

MAPF, 07.08.2012

The Porsche Finance Group will finance a flock of six Carpathian buffalos as part of its environmental initiative to preserve the agri- and biodiversity in Carpathians. It is planned that in 2014 there will already be 14 buffalos in the flock.

After buffalos grow up, the Porsche Finance Group will give them to local farmers who are eager to keep these unique animals, but do not have enough money to raise them.

<http://delo.ua>, 07.08.2012