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WTO and Neighborhood Policy

First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Ruslan Demchenko received Ambassador of Lithuania to Ukraine Petras Vaitiekunas on August 23, 2012.

At the meeting the sides have focused on the topical issues of Ukrainian-Lithuanian relations, first of all, in terms of further intensification of bilateral political dialogue. Ruslan Demchenko and Petras Vaitiekunas also shared their views of the implementation of the Roadmap of Developing Strategic Partnership between Ukraine and Lithuania for 2011-2012, as well as the preparation of a Roadmap for 2013-2014.

Special attention was paid to the enhancement of trade and economic ties and cooperation in the consular-and-legal field.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; 23.08.2012

The German-Ukrainian consultation on technical and financial cooperation chaired by Anatoly Maksyuta, the First Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade, was held at the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Ukraine. Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to Ukraine Dr. Christof Weil also took part in the consultation.

The participants to the event reviewed the portfolio of projects which had been implemented with international technical assistance and financial resources provided to Ukraine by the German government and Lending Institution for restoration purposes. Besides, they evaluated the work accomplished by the parties in priority areas of cooperation, namely, facilitation of investments, support of small and medium-sized enterprises etc. In the year of 2011, the value of German Government's technical and financial assistance to Ukraine amounted to Euro 33 million. The parties shared their opinions on selected issues associated with preparing the Memorandum on continuing the bilateral Ukrainian-German cooperation for the sake of economic and social development to be signed by the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development of Ukraine and Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development of Germany.

Press Service of the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade; 27.08.2012

On August 27, 2012, Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko met with Andrey Slyepnyov, a member of the Collegium of Eurasian Economic Commission and Trade Minister, staying in Ukraine under two day visit programme. The parties initialled the Memorandum of Trade Cooperation between EEC and Government of Ukraine and signed the Meeting Protocol aiming at development of bilateral trade, addressing of sensitive aspects of trade relations, and liberalization of existing limitations hindering the access of goods to Ukrainian and Russian markets.

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Food Safety

Ukraine is planning to toughen control on the border with the Russian Federation because of the outbreak of African swine fever in Southern Russia.

According to a UNIAN correspondent, Volodymyr Horzheyev, the Head of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine, stated so at a recent press conference. He also said that rules for importing animal products would be tightened up in the first place. "Ukraine will prohibit import of food products which were not subject to thermal treatment and are not factory packaged", pointed out Mr. Horzheyev. In this connection, the government is going to amend the customs legislation with regard to declaring meat products which are imported in the Ukrainian territory.

At the same time, the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service is planning to attract investors to equipping two PCR laboratories in Eastern Ukraine.

<http://economics.unian.net/>; 23.08.2012

The Anthrax incidence in Zaporizhya oblast is localized, stated Volodymyr Horzheyev, the Head of the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service of Ukraine. However the quarantine on the affected territory continues, and doctor look after 32 people who contacted with infected meat. As it was reported earlier, 18-month old heifer contracted anthrax and died in Voznesenka village in Zaporizhya oblast on August 20th. The owner of the animal managed to sell infected meat. It was established that 36 people contacted the animal meat. Anthrax is an acute disease caused by the bacterium *Bacillus anthracis*. Most forms of the disease are lethal, and it affects both humans and other animals.

<http://vet.gov.ua/>; 25.08.2012

Canada has received a certificate for exporting pedigree cattle to the Ukrainian market. Ottawa deems this to be an important step to strengthen bilateral trade relations, says a communication of the Canadian Department of Agriculture and Agri-Food. "This is good news for our industrious livestock breeder. Now they will be able to sell their premium cattle to the promising Ukrainian market", says Canada's Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz.

<http://agroconf.org/>; 28.08.2012

Market Infrastructure

APK-INVEST, a leading Ukrainian pork producer, increased its sales up to UAH 362 million in the first half of 2012 or by 71% as compared to the same period of 2011, communicates the press service of the company.

During the period under review, APK-INVEST increased its herd from 143,000 pigs up to 190,600 pigs. 83% of the company's profit was generated by sale of cooled pork semi-finished products, says the communication. Production of finished products exceeded 15,000 tons including 2,120 tons of sausages.

The number of factory outlets "Meat Spring" was increased from 40 to 86. The company plans to expand its retail outlet network up to 300 shops by the year of 2015. As of today, investments in the given area of business operations total UAH 19.2 million.

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Every five year, Ukrainian soil loses 0.05 per cent of hums which predetermine the soil fertility, said a representative of the State Research and Technological Centre for Protecting Soil Fertility to UkrInform correspondent. "Because of lack of organic fertilizers, Ukrainian agriculture producers tend to use more and more chemical fertilizer. However, recent studies evidence that application of mineral fertilizer reduces the content of humus in soil", identifies the problem

Mrs. Ludmila Datsko, Ph.D. in agriculture. According to her, the impact of chemical fertilizer on the organic component of the soil varies by types and forms of fertilizer. Nitrogen and some types of potassium and complex fertilizer are most “aggressive”. “Application of chemical fertilizer in excess quantities during a long period of time increases movability of the organic substance. This increase yields of agriculture crops”, explains the researcher.

“Yearly losses of humus amounting to 500 kg to 700 kg per hectare are caused by that the soil mineralization process outpace the soil humification process. Accordingly, approximately 8 to 10 tons of manure per hectare needs to be applied just to restore the soil fertility. However, application of organic fertilizer in such amount may become the reality on the condition of rapid development of the animal product sector”, states Mrs. Datsko.

<http://agronews.in.ua>, 27.08.2012

According to recent studies of specialists from the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine and Association Wine Growers and Wine Makers of Ukraine this year’s total grape yield will be reduced by 10% to 15% on average.

More specifically, the grape yield in the Crimea is projected to be 87,760 tons as compared 125,370 tons in 2011; 206,170 tons are expected to be harvested in Odesa oblast (229,100 tons in 2011); 52,800 tons in Mykolaiv oblast (58,640 tons in 2011); 35,900 tons in Kherson oblast (51,280 tons in 2011); 20,800 tons in Zakarpatska oblast (20,800 tons in 2011).

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Rural Development

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Fourth National Fair of Organic Products will be held in the downtown of Kyiv, at Kontractova Square, on September 08, 2012. The fair is organized by the Federation of Organic Movement of Ukraine and co-organized by the National non-government organization “Zhyva Planeta” (“Live Planet”).

This year, producers from across Ukraine will certified organic vegetables, fruit, berries, honey, juice, beverages, syrup, jam, cereal, flour, milk, dairy and meat products etc. Visitors will be able to taste organic products and beverages and take part in various contests and drawings.

<http://agronews.in.ua>; 26.08.2012

Development of the cooperative movement may become an effective mechanism for unite individual agriculture producers and enable Ukraine to solve numerous socio-economic problems in rural areas. Specifically, new jobs will be created in agriculture cooperatives. This will reduce migration of the able-to-work rural population to cities and ensure decent living standards in rural area. Such statement was made by Mykola Prysiazhnyuk, the Minister of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine.

“We may see today as rural residents move to cities in search of better life. Many of them are not aware that proper economic and social conditions for living can be created in rural areas. A powerful cooperative movement, which is currently being promoted by the Ministry, may be a solution to this problem”, pointed out the Minister. Mr. Prysiazhnyuk believes that creation of family farms should become the first step toward cooperative development. The government supports the cooperative movement. For example, it pays subsidies to individual homesteads for keeping young cattle to encourage development of dairy farming.

The Minister also mentioned that cooperatives would be able to sell their produce at the organized market and increase their members’ profit. This, in turn, will stimulate creation of new jobs. “The agriculture production processes in cooperatives require a large number of specialists to grow, produce, monitor the quality, sell produce etc. This means that the problem of unemployment should not arise in rural areas where cooperatives operate successfully”, pointed out the Minister.

Besides, the Minister stressed that cooperative development will lead to better living conditions in rural areas. “Profit generated due to cooperatives’ operation will be used for development of social infrastructure facilities in rural areas”, mentioned Mykola Prysiazhnyuk.

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The other day Deputy Head of Chernihiv Oblast State Administration Stanislav Prokopenko and Oblast Council Chairman Anatoly Melnyk participated in the official ceremony of opening the first phase of the Dairy Complex of the Public Joint Stock Company “Chernihiv Pedigree Enterprise” in Dovzhyk village, Chernihiv oblast. According to Mr. Prokopenko, commissioning of such complexes convincingly demonstrate the animal production sector in Chernihiv region is being modernized and developing rapidly. “We come second in Ukraine by the cattle herd kept by agriculture enterprises. Every fourth Ukrainian milking facility under construction is located in our oblast”, stressed the First Deputy Head of the Oblast Administration during the official ceremony. 32 modern milking facilities are already in operation in the region. As many as 60 new dairy complexes incorporating milking facilities will be put in operation in the upcoming four years.

Government Portal; 28.08.2012