

Kazakhstan



U.S. share in quota for import of poultry into Kazakhstan will make 87.7 percent

Kazakhstan has allocated 96,450 MT of poultry quota for the U.S. that is around 87.7 percent of total volume of quota, according to Zhanel Kushukova, the Head of External Trade Policy Department of Ministry of Industry and Trade of Kazakhstan.

According to Zh. Kushukova, 102,000 MT of poultry quota has been allocated and 8,000 MT have been left as a reserve.

Beginning January 1, 2010 a tariff rate quota for the imports of beef meat (fresh, chilled or frozen), pork and poultry meat (codes of Commodity Nomenclature of Foreign-Economic Activity (CN FEA): 0201, 0202, 0203, 0207) is introduced.

Application of tariff quota means that a certain amount of goods will be taxed at lowered customs duties; import of goods over the established volume will be taxed at increased customs duty rates. Import of goods under the lowered customs duty rates will be carried out on the basis of licenses.

The size of tariff rate quota and the rate of import customs duties have been confirmed by the Decision of the Eurasian Economic Community Commission of the Customs Union No.130 as of November 27, 2009 "On unified customs-tariff regulation of the Customs Union of Belarus, Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation".

Tariff rate quotas will be allocated on the basis of share of each supplier in the average annual volume of imports (during the years 2008-2009).

Based on this share a tariff rate quota will be determined for each participant of foreign economic activity for the year 2010.

At the same time participants should meet the following criteria:

- to import this type of meat at least for the past 2 years (2008 - 2009);
- to import meat from far abroad countries;
- the volume of import must exceed 25 kilograms.

The Government of Kazakhstan confirmed method of distribution of tariff rate quotas and volumes of tariff rate quotas for certain kinds of meat by its Decree No. 2333 as of December 31, 2009.

The Government decided to distribute volumes of quotas among juridical and physical persons according to the Annex to the Decree No. 2333.

The approved importers will have to address the Trade Committee under the Ministry of Industry and Trade in order to obtain licenses for the import of meat under lower customs duties.

Code of CN FEA	Name	Volume of quota (MT)	Customs duty rate	
			Within the quota	Over the quota
0201	Beef (fresh, chilled)	20	15, but not less than 0.2 euro per kilogram	50, but not less than 1 euro per kilogram
0202	Beef (frozen)	10,000	15, but not less than 0.2 euro per kilogram	50, but not less than 1 euro per kilogram
0203	Pork	7,400	15, but not less than 0.2 euro per kilogram	75, but not less than 1.5 euro per kilogram
0207	Poultry	110,000	25, but not less than 0.2 euro per kilogram	80, but not less than 0.7 euro per kilogram

Customs Union will create unified economic space with European Union

The countries of the Customs Union - Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan - will aspire to create unified economic space with the European Union, according to Vice Prime-Minister of the Russian Federation, Igor Shuvalov.

According to I. Shuvalov, the Customs Union countries should move towards bringing their economic legislation in conformity with the European one in order to promote economic growth of the unified economic space.

I. Shuvalov said that economic integration is an ultimate goal of the unified space from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean without visa and customs restrictions. Vice Prime-Minister also noted that creation of the unified economic space of the Customs Union with the European Union differs from creation of the uniform economic space by absence of supranational integration bodies.

The Customs Union of Kazakhstan, Russia and Belarus started its work beginning January 1, 2010.

Source: Gazeta.kz Internet Newspaper (www.gazeta.kz)

In Kazakhstan 72 percent of domestic demand for poultry will be satisfied by own production by the year 2014

In accordance with the master plan developed by the Ministry of Agriculture, 72 percent of domestic demand for poultry in Kazakhstan will be satisfied by domestic production by the year 2014.

In order to achieve these goals, within the program on a forced industrial-innovative development of the country, it is planned to build 5 new poultry farms, a plant producing premixes and concentrates, to establish a poultry research center for development of applied solutions in the field of poultry breeding technology and other.

It is worth noting, that in the year 2008 imports of poultry products made up 67 percent.

Source: Apk-Inform News Agency (www.apk-inform.com); Translated by: usapeec.kz

GDP of Kazakhstan has grown by 1.1 percent

Following the results of 2009, GDP in Kazakhstan has grown by 1.1 percent in comparison with 2008.

Volume of industrial production in 2009 has grown by 1.7 percent in comparison with 2008. Investments into fixed capital in 2009 have grown by 2.1 percent.

Inflation rate in 2009 amounted to 6.2 percent. Unemployment rate totaled 6.3 percent. State budget income for 2009 has been executed by 100.5 percent. The budget received about USD 23.7 billion.

Gold and exchange currency reserves of the country, as of January 1, 2010, have amounted to USD 23.2 billion.

Source: Gazeta.kz Internet Newspaper (www.gazeta.kz)

Tajikistan



Increase in production of poultry meat and eggs in Tajikistan has led to reduction in imports of these products

Increase in production of poultry meat and eggs in Tajikistan has led to a reduction in imports of these products from abroad, according to the Head of the Livestock Department within the Ministry of Agriculture, Muzafar Mirzoyev.

M. Mirzoyev said that the development of poultry industry has led to a reduction in imports of eggs into Tajikistan. M. Mirzoyev noted that several domestic poultry farms have been restored and their production of chicken and eggs is rapidly increasing year by year.

“For 11 months of 2009, number of poultry totaled 3.8 million, that is 229,500 more than compared to the same period in 2008”, M. Mirzoyev said.

According to him, in the year 2009 the import of eggs made up 109 million units, that is 12 million units less than in the year 2008. Imports of poultry meat, poultry meat products and minced meat made up about 20,000 MT that is 3,900 MT less than compared to the same period in 2008.

According to the Ministry of Agriculture, the number of cattle has also increased, and as of December 1, 2009 it has reached about 1.9 million, that is 78,300 heads more compared to the same period in the year 2008. A number of flocks increased by 238,700 and made up more than 4.2 million heads.

According to M.Mirzoyev, a number of horses remained at last year level (78,000 heads).

“Beginning the year 2010 the horse-breeding development program until the year 2015 will be launched. Due to this program the number of breeding species of horses will be increased”, he concluded.

*Source: Meatinfo News Service
(www.meatinfo.ru); Translated by: usapeec.kz*

U.S. Embassy assists Dushanbe’s new Customs Training Academy

On January 19, 2010 U.S. Ambassador to Tajikistan Ken Gross participated in a dedication ceremony held at the new Customs Training Academy in Dushanbe, according to the press release of U.S. Embassy in Dushanbe.

The new building will be an improved facility for educating Customs Officers. The United States Embassy in Dushanbe as part of its Export Control and Border Security program (EXBS) provided the classroom furniture, computers, monitors, printers, projectors, and audio/video equipment for a general classroom and two computer classrooms. The U.S. Embassy also gave a ten-passenger van to the Customs Training Academy.

The United States Embassy will continue supporting infrastructure enhancements to the Customs Training Academy. The Embassy will sponsor a partnership between the U.S. Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and the Customs Academy to develop and modernize the training curriculum.

To date, the value of the support provided to the Customs Academy is approximately USD 200,000.

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