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Kazakhstan



Creation of unified customs territory will take additional time

According to the Chief Veterinarian of Russia, the Deputy Head of Russian VPSS, Nikolai Vlasov, until January 1, 2011 a list of foreign companies that are eligible to supply animal products to Customs Union will be compiled.

He said that Russia already has such a list but as for Belarus and Kazakhstan - these countries do not have it yet. Therefore, he said that the unified list of eligible foreign companies will be based on Russia's list with some additions introduced by Kazakhstan and Belarus.

The Deputy Head of VPSS also informed that a set of uniform veterinary and sanitary requirements for goods that are subject to control were developed.

It was planned that Customs Union will have unified veterinary space beginning July 1, 2010. However, in particular, the introduction of uniform veterinary documents of the Customs Union is extended until January 1, 2011. Thus, during July 1, 2010 - January 1, 2011 both national and Customs Union veterinary documents can be used.

N. Vlasov pointed out that the establishment of the unified customs territory envisages conducting of veterinary control over shipments at the external borders of the Customs Union. But as for imports of raw meats he noted that not only the documents for such products of high risk will be controlled but the goods will be inspected as well. After the inspection at the external borders of Kazakhstan the products will be moved to Russia under the customs regime of the internal transit.

Then they will be placed in temporary storage warehouse where all customs procedures will be completed and finally the products will be released into the customs territory of the country.

He also said that enterprises that are banned to export their production to Russia will not have the possibility to export their goods there via Belarus and Kazakhstan.

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The Government of Kazakhstan has ratified the Agreement on Customs Code of Customs Union

The President of Kazakhstan signed the Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan “On Ratification of the Agreement on the Customs Code of Customs Union” and the Law “On Ratification of the Protocol amending the Agreement on the Customs Code of Customs Union as of November 27, 2009”. The Customs Code of Customs Union will come into force on July 1, 2010.

The Customs Code of Customs Union is aimed at creation of basis of customs regulation on the unified customs territory of Customs Union. The principle of customs administration on the unified customs territory of Customs Union is cancellation of customs control, customs clearance at the internal customs borders, the uniform application of customs procedures and modes on a unified customs territory and minimization of the costs of foreign market participants related to customs clearance and customs control.

Officials note that at the initial stage of Customs Union formation, customs clearance of goods will be carried out together with declarants and authorized representatives in the territories of states-members at their place of formation, registration and accommodation in accordance with the legislations of states-members of Customs Union. At the same time a foreign person acting as a declarant will carry out customs clearance of goods at the place of their destination.

Source: Kazakhstan Today News Agency (www.kt.kz); Translated by: usapeec.kz

The Government of Kazakhstan has approved Customs Union Agreement on veterinary and sanitary measures

On June 9, 2010 the Parliament of Kazakhstan has approved the Draft Law “On ratification of the Customs Union Agreement on veterinary and sanitary measures”.

The document envisages preparation of unified list of goods that are subject to veterinary control, unified veterinary and sanitary requirements to the goods that are subject to veterinary control. In addition, it envisages the preparation of a uniform procedure for conducting joint inspections of the facilities and sampling the goods that are subject to veterinary control, unified forms of veterinary certificates, consolidated list of dangerous and quarantine animal diseases.

When developing this Agreement, Kazakh side made efforts to protect the interests of Kazakhstan and tried to bring the provisions of the document as close to the national legislation as possible.

The Customs Union Agreement on veterinary and sanitary measures will come into force on July 1, 2010.

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Chairman of State Inspection Committee under Agro-industrial Complex of Agriculture Ministry of Kazakhstan is arrested

The Chairman of the State Inspection Committee under Agro-industrial Complex of Ministry of Agriculture of Kazakhstan, Serik Suleimenov was arrested on May 22, 2010.

He is being prosecuted for abuse of authority, which has resulted in the illegal introduction of temporary control on grain-receiving company “Kachirsk” and caused damages to the company in the amount of KZT 116.7 million (USD 801,000). Also, Serik Suleimenov is indirectly responsible for the deterioration of 5,200 MT of grain worth KZT 68.2 million (USD 465,000) and embezzlement of 7,000 MT of grain worth KZT 168 million (USD 1.1 million).

On May 15, 2010 S.Suleimenov proposed an employee of the Financial Police (who was performing the inspection of the above facts) a USD 50,000 graft in order to escape criminal liability. On May 22, 2010 Mr. Suleimenov was caught red-handed and was arrested.

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German businessman invests EURO 30 million in a poultry farm in Kazakhstan

A businessman from Germany Hans Pflanz invests EURO 30 million (USD 36.2 million) in the development of a poultry farm in Zhambyl region of Kazakhstan.

The construction of hi-tech modern poultry farm is to begin in July this year and will be finished in December 2011. The new facility is expected to produce up to 130 million eggs and 10,000 MT of poultry meat per year. About 30 percent of the products will be exported to Turkey.

It is worth noting that the Government of Kazakhstan intends to increase the level of support to farmers up to 10 percent of the cost of production, according to the Vice Minister of Agriculture of Kazakhstan Arman Evniev. Now it makes up 4.5 percent. Also, in accordance with the master plan, developed by the Ministry of Agriculture, by the year 2014, 72 percent of domestic demand for poultry in Kazakhstan will be satisfied by domestic production.

Kazakhstan consumes about 220,000 MT of poultry meat per year. Until the year 2010, domestic producers could satisfy only about 35-40 percent of the local demand; it is about 80-90,000 MT; in the year 2010 it is planned to produce 101,000 MT of poultry meat. Therefore, the country remains dependant on imported poultry meat.

During January-March 2010 Kazakhstan has imported 6,800 MT of U.S. poultry. Total import quota for U.S. poultry for 2010 is 96,450 MT. However, each member of Customs Union has right to increase volume of import quota if necessary.

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

A new poultry farm was launched in Kazakhstan

On June 25, 2010 a new poultry farm “Zhas kanat” was launched into operation in Kostanai region of Kazakhstan.

According to the experts of JSC “KazAgroFinance”, the production of poultry farm will completely displace imported poultry products from the market of this area and nearby regions as well.

Due to a new high-tech equipment of poultry farm there will be produced both chicken carcasses and chicken cut into pieces (chilled and frozen). Minced and smoked meats will be produced as well.

The technological process at the farm will be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the European Union. Conveyor lines will provide uniform production and this will allow to achieve high-quality processing.

“KazAgroFinance” invested in the project about USD 2.8 million. These funds were allocated for the construction of hatchery buildings, repair of 14 poultry houses, for the purchase of 14 equipments for raising and fattening of broiler chickens and for automated plant Big Dutchman International GmbH for the production of feed. An incubator equipment Pas Reform B.V. and equipment for processing poultry meat Crown Worldwide were purchased as well.

Source: Emeat News Service (www.emeat.ru); Translated by: usapeec.kz

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Kyrgyzstan



Ethnic fighting in Kyrgyzstan may affect poultry imports

Osh city located in South Kyrgyzstan was the center of recent deadly clashes between ethnic Kyrgyz and Uzbeks that left at least 300 people dead and sent some 400,000 people fleeing their homes, some 100,000 of them to neighboring Uzbekistan.

However, the main Kyrgyz trade route - the border with Kazakhstan remains open.

At the same time according to several local importers, at present they do not import meats because of instability in the country.

It is worth noting that a pro-Russian opposition took power in Kyrgyzstan on April 7, after anti-government protests turned violent in Bishkek, capital of Kyrgyzstan. The President of the country Kurmanbek Bakiev was ousted and he had to leave the country and to step down.

After April 6-7 events the main Kyrgyz trade route - the border with Kazakhstan was closed. Finally it was opened only on May 19, 2010. During April-May, Kyrgyz companies that are engaged in export and import of goods suffered losses because of the demurrage of goods at the borders.

Moreover, during April events companies have suffered losses from looting, they have lost tens of thousands of USD.

During January-April 2010 export volumes of U.S. poultry to Kyrgyzstan have increased significantly and during this period U.S. has exported 8,329 MT (worth USD 8,251,000) of poultry to Kyrgyzstan. Thus, U.S. exports have risen sharply by six-fold over the same period in 2009 (1,464 MT worth USD 1,746,000).

Kyrgyzstan is a prospective market for U.S. poultry exports: before 2009 U.S. didn't export more than 8,446 MT (worth USD 9,052,000) of poultry to Kyrgyzstan within a year.

*Source: 24.kg News Agency; Kommersant.ua Newspaper (www.24.kg; www.kommersant.ua)
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Uzbekistan



Iran has threatened to close the border for trains from Uzbekistan

The state railway company of Iran has warned that Iran will stop the movement of all trains from Uzbekistan, if Uzbekistan does not allow the free transit of Tajik goods.

The Iranian Official of the railway company Berhuz Balandi said that the company had already sent a letter to the railway company of Uzbekistan in which they required to speed up the passage of hundreds of Tajik railroad cars, which are detained in Uzbekistan.

Berhuz Balandi said that after three weeks of negotiations, the Uzbek side finally softened its positions and promised to solve the problem as soon as possible.

Iran has already informed Turkmenistan (via which the Uzbek goods pass) that it will not accept Uzbek transits.

It is worth noting that Uzbekistan has prevented the passage of freight trains into Tajikistan (specifically wagons carrying raw materials for both Roghun and the giant Talco aluminum plant in Rigar, and also everyday imports) four months ago and the territory of Uzbekistan has accumulated more than 2,000 railroad cars with various goods for Tajikistan.

On May 8, 2010 Uzbekistan allowed the passage of the first freight train into Tajikistan after three months of delay. However, Tashkent almost doubled the rate for the passage of foreign goods via its territory.

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Kazakhstan poultry imports statistics*
Period: January-March 2010**

Partner Country	Import	
	Value	Quantity
World	11,935.5	13,372.8
<i>America:</i>		
United States	6,766.2	9,663.9
Brazil	40.1	77.9
<i>Europe:</i>		
Poland	207.7	294.3
France	17.5	2.9
Netherlands	12.1	19.8
Germany	2.3	0.5
<i>CIS:</i>		
Ukraine	4,412.8	3,065.1
Russia	476.8	248.4
Value Unit: Thousands of USD		
Volume Unit: MT		

* Source: Customs Control Committee under the Ministry of Finance of Kazakhstan.

** Share of U.S. in total volume of poultry imports into Kazakhstan during January-March 2010 made up 72.3 percent.

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