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### Kazakhstan



#### USAPEEC has organized US CLQs cooking demonstrations in Kazakhstan

On April 25, 2009 USAPEEC has organized US poultry cooking demonstrations within HOREX 2009 trade show at the Atakent Exhibition Center in Almaty. Prior to the event on April 23-24, 2009 USAPEEC had successfully held Second Kazakhstan Culinary Congress “Cuisine Virtuoso”.

Officials, chiefs of the hotels and restaurants, participants as well as visitors of the trade show were invited to the event.



*Chefs demonstrated several menu items using US CLQs*

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#### **Kazakhstan will increase import duties on some types of food**

Kazakhstan will increase the customs duty rates on some types of food products that are imported to the country, according to the *RIA Novosti* News Agency. Tariff levels will be raised to those of comparable types of food that are produced domestically, announced Akylbek Kuribashev, the Minister of Agriculture.

This measure is aimed at protecting the domestic market from imports and supporting local producers. Moreover, from now on the budget will subsidize only the output that goes through a processing level: “This way, we would like to employ the capacities of processing plants,” the Minister noted. According to the Agricultural Ministry, Kazakhstan imports about 40 percent of its dairy products, 20 percent of its meat products and about 43 percent of its horticultural products.

The President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, has set a task to develop agriculture and increase its share of the GDP, arguing that the development of agriculture is necessary to ensure domestic security. Nazarbayev admitted that “for the first time Kazakhstan is making the agricultural sector a priority,” and he views that as a strategic goal for the next 10 years.

It is worth mentioning that since 2003 over KZT 500 billion (about USD 3.5 billion) has been allocated for the development of the agricultural sector.

Kazakhstan’s Vice-Minister of Agriculture also announced that Kazakhstan is ready to provide foreign investors with 3.5 million hectares of agricultural land in order to attract funding for the development of agriculture. There is also a possibility this land could be sold to foreign citizens, as such deals are authorized by the Land Code of Kazakhstan.

*Source: Ferghana News Agency (ferghana.ru)*

### **IFC will invest about USD 200 million in Kazakhstan in 2009**

The International Finance Corporation (IFC) plans to invest about USD 200 million in Kazakhstan in 2009, in addition to its existing portfolio of USD 350 million, according to Tomasz Telma, IFC Senior Manager in Central Asia.

IFC has invested about 50 percent of its portfolio in the financial sector, with the remainder split among the remaining economic sectors, including agriculture and infrastructure.

In particular, Ust-Kamenogorsk Poultry Plant JSC is now holding negotiations with foreign investors regarding co-financing the “Eurasia” project. If approved it will be Kazakhstan’s first project in agriculture using foreign capital. The project is aimed at increasing domestic poultry production.

*Note:*

The population of the Republic of Kazakhstan consumes 200 thousand MT of poultry meat annually, which amounts to USD 600 million (at USD 3 per kilogram) in monetary terms.

In 2008 the country imported more than 130 thousand MT of chicken meat. Domestic producers are able to supply only 35% of the country’s demand.

*Sources: Silk Road Intelligencer; Meatinfo.ru (silkroadintelligencer.com; meatinfo.ru)*

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## **Kyrgyzstan**



### **Food and processing enterprises map issued in Kyrgyzstan**

According to the U.S. Embassy, a map of Kyrgyz food and processing enterprises has been issued in Kyrgyzstan.

The United States Agency for International Development has allocated finances for publishing of 100 specialized maps, designed by the Kyrgyzstan’s Agriculture, Water and Processing Industry Ministry.

The map gives detailed information on the location of 9,388 large, medium and small agricultural processing enterprises registered in the Kyrgyz Republic as of December 31, 2008. The map contains information about plants expected to be built in 2009-2010.

Beginning May 7, 2009, the edition is being distributed among government institutions, the leadership of the processing enterprises and members of the Association of Fruit and Vegetable Enterprises.

*Source: 24.kg News Agency (24.kg)*

## Tajikistan



### **USAID strengthens avian influenza surveillance, biosecurity and response in Tajikistan**

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) project “STOP AI,” in partnership with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Health, held a 3-day national training on May 13-15 for leading veterinary and human health specialists from the districts subordinate to the center, agriculture and health ministries and other related agencies of Tajikistan, according to the press release issued by the USAID Dushanbe Office.

The training program focused on the practical aspects of the Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) surveillance, biosecurity and outbreak response on the regional and district levels in the event of an HPAI outbreak.

The Central Asia region has significant trade in poultry with bordering countries, including China, Iran, Russia, Pakistan and Afghanistan, all of whom have reported the presence of HPAI H5N1.

Outbreaks in poultry in Kazakhstan in 2005 and human deaths in Azerbaijan in March of 2006 highlight the existence of the threat to health, food supply and incomes in the region. At the training, specialists discussed how to establish and enforce measures regarding movement control for animals and humans, transportation of equipment and laboratory functions in the event of an HPAI outbreak in accordance with the National Plan for Prevention of HPAI H5N1.

During the upcoming month the STOP AI program, along with the State Veterinary Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Health of Tajikistan, will also provide this training to veterinary and human health specialists with the involvement of emergency services and other related agencies in all other regions of the country.

Avian Influenza preparedness is one of the many areas, supported by the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). USAID is one of the largest donor organizations in the Central Asia, sponsored by one single country. In Tajikistan, its programs help develop economic sector, support health care and social development.

*Source: AsiaPlus News Agency (asiaplus.tj)*

### **Tajikistan’s external trade turnover amounts to USD 1.169 billion in January-April 2009**

Over the first four months of this year, the external trade turnover of Tajikistan, including electrical power and natural gas, has amounted to USD 1.169 billion, which was 79.1 percent of the January-April 2008 level, a drop of USD 306.4 million, according to the State Committee for Statistics.

The trade balance was negative and amounted to USD 607.6 million.

Exports of goods during January-April 2009 amounted to USD 277.7 million, which was 41.1 percent, or USD 193.9 million, less than in the same period of 2008.

Imports of goods into the country over the report period have amounted to USD 885.2 million, which was 11.3 percent or USD 112.5 million less than in January-April 2008.

During January-April 2009, Tajikistan had trade relations with 81 countries of the world, including 10 CIS states. Over the report period the CIS countries accounted for 45.4 percent, or USD 528.4 million, of Tajikistan’s external trade turnover and non-CIS countries accounted for 54.6 percent, or USD 634.5 million.

*Source: AsiaPlus News Agency (asiaplus.tj)*

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## US CLQs cooking demonstrations in Kazakhstan



*Deliciously cooked chicken leg quarters attracted many registered guests and regular trade show visitors. All Chicken Leg Quarters for all dishes were kindly provided by “Globex International”.*



*ITECA and President of Kazakhstan Chefs Association have expressed its gratitude to USAPEEC for sponsorship of Second Kazakhstan Culinary Congress “Cuisine Virtuoso” and for organized US poultry cooking demonstrations - the event that attracts many visitors to the trade show.*

*Such events successfully promote U.S. poultry products and will help to increase its consumption establishing positive image of U.S. poultry products in Central Asian region.*

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