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## Kazakhstan



### Customs Union countries will have unified veterinary requirements beginning July 1, 2010

The Supreme Body of the Customs Union of Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus decided that the Customs Union Agreement on veterinary and sanitary measures as of December 11, 2009 will come into force on July 1, 2010.

The Agreement of the Customs Union on veterinary and sanitary measures ensures protection of customs territory of the Customs Union against import and distribution of pathogens of contagious animal diseases, including those common to humans and animals, and goods (products) that do not correspond to veterinary and sanitary requirements.

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 (products) that are subject to veterinary control (supervision);
- unified forms of veterinary certificates;
- consolidated list of dangerous and quarantine animal diseases.

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### Kazakhstan plans to introduce a mechanism of state regulation of prices for food products

According to the Minister of Economic Development and Trade, Zhanar Aytzhanova, the Government of Kazakhstan plans to introduce a mechanism of state regulation of retail prices for certain types of socially important food products.

Zh. Aytzhanova said that at present Majilis (Parliament) is considering a Draft Law on regulation of trading activity, according to which the Government will be empowered to establish maximum allowable retail prices for certain types of socially important food products.

The introduction of the maximum allowable retail prices under the Draft Law is allowed for a period not exceeding 54 days. The Draft Law envisages the introduction of a mechanism of state regulation if the growth of retail prices for socially important food products amounts to 30 percent (or more) within a month.

Currently the above mentioned Draft Law is being discussed and when it will be adopted, the Government will have the means to regulate the prices for socially important goods.

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## Kyrgyzstan



### **Kazakh-Kyrgyz trade route is finally opened**

The Kazakh-Kyrgyz border, main trade route of Kyrgyzstan, was closed after an opposition takeover of the Kyrgyz Government on April 6-7, 2010 forced the former President to abdicate and flee the country.

Finally the border was opened only on May 19, 2010. During April and May 2010 Kyrgyz companies, that are engaged in export and import of goods, have suffered losses because of the demurrage of goods at the borders. Moreover, during April events companies have suffered losses from looting, they have lost millions of soms (tens of thousands of USD).

The closure of the trade route into Kyrgyzstan was affecting shipments of U.S. product, as exports have increased dramatically in the first 3 months of this year: in January-March 2010 they made up 6,728 MT that is an increase by more than four-fold over the same period in 2009 (1,464 MT). Before 2009 U.S. didn't export more than 8,446.5 MT of poultry to Kyrgyzstan.

Meanwhile, the Head of the Interim Government, which took power after April 6-7 uprising, Roza Otunbayeva (Former Foreign Minister of Kyrgyzstan) is appointed the President of Kyrgyzstan until December 31, 2011. The new Government sees Kyrgyzstan's future in the Customs Union of Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus. The Government Commission of Customs Union of Russia, Kazakhstan and Belarus has informed that Kyrgyzstan is welcome to join the bloc as soon as political situation stabilizes.

If this occurs, Kyrgyzstan will have to introduce import quotas on poultry in accordance with the Customs Union's requirements.

*Sources: 24.kg News Agency; Kazakhstan Today News Agency (www.24.kg; www.kt.kz)  
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## Tajikistan



### **Tajikistan asks for aid as flood death toll rises**

Tajikistan President Imomali Rakhmon made an appeal for international aid on May 11, 2010 after mudslides and flooding at the beginning of May left 24 dead and scores missing in the mountainous ex-Soviet country.

Mudslides, caused by torrential rains in the Central Asian nation bordering Afghanistan, destroyed hundreds of buildings in the town of Kulyab, 195 km ( 121 miles ) south of the capital Dushanbe, and nearby villages.

“Due to the humanitarian catastrophe caused by natural disasters, I order the Foreign Ministry to turn to the donor states and international charities with a call for aid”, Imomali Rakhmon's office quoted him as telling an emergency Government meeting.

In May last year powerful mudslides, which happen every spring, killed at least 18 people in the impoverished nation.

*Source: AlertNet News Service  
(www.alertnet.org)*

## Uzbekistan



### **Production of eggs and poultry meat will increase by 25-30 percent**

The number of livestock and production of eggs and poultry meat products in Uzbekistan are expected to increase by 25-30 percent by the end of 2010, according to the Head of poultry development sector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Resources of Uzbekistan, Dilshod Abduraimov.

At present 76 large poultry farms operate in the country. Each farm has started implementing the projects on using new hi-tech equipment. New incubators, equipment for raising birds, as well as for packing and preparation of finished products for sending to retail are being bought now.

Dilshod Abduraimov said that enterprises would receive most of these funds in credit from commercial banks. In addition, poultry farms intend to increase the number of poultry heads.

It is planned to establish 474 farms in total. If this plan is fully implemented, then by the end of the year 3 new farms will start operating in each district, each of which will raise 5,000-10,000 birds.

D. Abduraimov pointed out that the increase will primarily be noticeable in poultry sector, because eggs and poultry meat are traditionally in demand in Uzbekistan. There is also a demand for the following delicacies: turkey, goose, duck and quail meat.

In the nearest months in order to keep the birds healthy a new enterprise "Similiya farm", locating in the Tashkent region, will start producing some vaccines and vitamin-mineral complexes, as well as premixes - food additives for birds.

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

### **Tashkent has lifted an embargo on rail shipments to Tajikistan**

On May 8, 2010 Uzbekistan allowed the passage of the first freight train into Tajikistan after 3 months of delay. However, Tashkent almost doubled the rate for the passage of foreign goods via its territory.

The President of Uzbekistan Islam Karimov allowed the passage of rail freight on his own initiative because of the disaster in Kulyab region of Tajikistan.

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) 3 months ago and the territory of Uzbekistan has accumulated more than 2,000 railroad cars with various goods for Tajikistan.

The increase of rates on transits will affect the dynamics of prices in Tajikistan, local experts believe. Delayed planting in the south of the country due to the blockade of goods, as well as natural disasters may cause food crisis in Tajikistan in the summer of this year.

*Source: Kazakhstan Today News Agency (www.kt.kz)  
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### **Uzbekistan has increased fee for entry and transit of foreign freight vehicles crossing its territory**

The Government of Uzbekistan has increased the rate of an additional fee for entry and transit of goods that is charged for each foreign motor vehicle which crosses the state border between Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

According to the Governmental Decree, the fee grew from USD 50 to USD 90 for freight vehicles and buses belonging to the Republic of Tajikistan.

The rate of charge for Turkmenistan freight vehicles with a carrying capacity up to 10 MT increased from USD 20 to USD 35; from 10 MT and above - from USD 30 to USD 55.

The fee for freight vehicles and buses of other foreign countries rose from USD 100 to USD 175.

The additional fee is not applicable to vehicles of foreign states with which the Republic of Uzbekistan has concluded international agreements providing for the non-use to vehicles of these countries fees and charges for the use of roads.

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***Kazakhstan poultry import statistics\****  
***Period: January-March 2010\*\****

Partner Country	Import	
	Value	Quantity
<b>World</b>	<b>11,935.5</b>	<b>13,372.8</b>
<i>America:</i>		
<b>United States</b>	<b>6,766.2</b>	<b>9,663.9</b>
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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