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### Kazakhstan

### *World Food Kazakhstan 2009*



On November 3 - 6, 2009 a few USAPEEC member companies have joined USAPEEC Central Asia Office to take part in the leading trade show in Central Asia - "World Food Kazakhstan 2009", held at the Atakent Exhibition Center in Almaty.

USAPEEC booth had a perfect location this year – right in front of the main entrance to the pavilion. And therefore, although there were only a few USAPEEC members participating at the food show the USAPEEC booth was a beehive of activity.

USAPEEC booth was decorated with posters promoting US poultry products.

USAPEEC participation at the food show was advertised in the PR article published in HoReCa magazine. The article invited all visitors to the USAPEEC stand. It also talked about tasty and safe US poultry, gave recommendations on preparation and consumption of poultry meat and described the high level of state quality control system that is implemented at poultry producing plants in the US.

During the food show all the potential customers were presented with calendars, pens, HoReCa magazines containing USAPEEC PR article; all with USAPEEC logo and contacts.



*USAPEEC member companies and Kazakhstan importers have joined USAPEEC Central Asia/Ukraine/Moldova Office at the USAPEEC stand*



A new Senior Commercial Officer of the US Embassy branch office in Almaty, Jennifer Kane and Commercial Specialist Oxana Parshina-Chukreyeva accepted USAPEEC invitation and visited USAPEEC booth. The current import situation and new rules for poultry imports that are going to be implemented in Kazakhstan were discussed by the sides.

USAPEEC members believe it was worth their time to participate since the Central Asia is a relatively stable and steadily growing market for US poultry.

*Central Asian importers list will be updated with World Food Kazakhstan 2009 new contacts and will be available for USAPEEC members in mid-December, 2009.*

### **Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan have set quotas on meat imports for the year 2010**

According to the Decision of the Customs Union Commission, Russia's import quota for fresh and chilled beef for the year 2010 will amount to 30,000 MT. Kazakhstan's import quota for fresh and chilled beef will amount to 20 MT. Quota on import of frozen beef is set at 530,000 MT for Russia and at 10,000 MT for Kazakhstan.

Quota for the supply of poultry meat into Russia amounts to 780,000 MT, into Kazakhstan amounts to 110,000 MT. Quota for the supply of beef and poultry meat into Belarus is not established.

Quota on pork imports into Russia for the year 2010 will be 500,000 MT (including 27,900 MT of trimming), into Kazakhstan will be 7,400 MT and into Belarus will amount to 30,000 MT.

The Commission has specified that quotas should be allocated in compliance with legislation of the Countries – Members of the Union and obliged the Authorized Bodies of these States beginning December 15, 2009 to issue licenses to import goods for which quotas are applied. The Decision of the Commission will come into force on January 1, 2010.

*Source: Interfax News Agency (www.interfax.by); Translated by: usapeec.kz*

## Leaders of Kazakhstan, Russia and Belarus have approved all Customs Union documents

The Presidents of Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan have reached agreement on the creation of a Customs Union among the three ex-Soviet states starting from July 1, 2010, creating common external tariffs and a single market for 165 million people. The heads of the three countries signed all necessary documents on November 27, 2009 in Minsk, Belarus.

The Supranational Body regulating foreign trade activities - the Customs Union Commission - is to start its work beginning January 1, 2010. Its decisions are to be mandatory for all three states. It should be noted that Russia will have 57% of votes in passing decisions on customs regulation, Kazakhstan - 21.5% and Belarus - 21.5%.

Beginning January 1, 2010 a Common Customs Tariff will be implemented for Belarus, Russia and Kazakhstan. However, the Customs Code of the three countries will come into effect on July 1, 2010.

Despite the declarations that the Customs Union will start its work since January 1, 2010, leaders of Belarus, Russia and Kazakhstan at the session held on November 27, 2009 in Minsk, Belarus postponed creation of the Common Customs Territory for half a year.

The President of Kazakhstan, Nursultan Nazarbayev, estimated that creation of the Customs Union will allow Kazakhstan, Russia and Belarus to reach by 2015 GDP growth of 15%. "A huge market is being created, with total volume of stocks of oil - 90 billion barrels, gross GDP - USD 2 trillion, cumulative goods turnover - USD 900 billion, and volume of agricultural products - USD 112 billion," N.Nazarbayev said.

He also added that Kazakhstan's Central Asian neighbors Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have already announced their intention to accede to the union.

*Source: NewsFeed Researcher Information Portal (www.newsfeedresearcher.com)  
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## Volume of total agricultural production has increased by 9% during January-October, 2009

In Kazakhstan, volume of gross agricultural production in January - October, 2009 in comparison with the same period of last year has increased by 9% and amounted to 1,386.9 billion KZT (about 9.3 billion USD), including animal industry - 557.6 billion KZT (about 3.75 billion USD) and plant growing - 829.3 billion KZT (about 5.58 billion USD).

*Source: Gazeta.kz News Agency (www.gazeta.kz)*

## Uzbekistan



## Uzbekistan closed its border with Kazakhstan

Uzbekistan has closed its border with Central Asian neighbor Kazakhstan to all but citizens of each nation returning home as swine flu spreads in both countries, according to the Kazakh Foreign Ministry.

The World Health Organization (WHO) reported on November 20, 2009 that Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and parts of Afghanistan were reporting higher numbers of flu cases.

"There is no official information on the reasons behind this decision", Kazakh Foreign Ministry Spokesman, Yerzhan Ashykbayev pointed out.

Uzbekistan's Foreign Ministry could not be reached for comment.

Tashkent (capital of Uzbekistan) regularly closes its borders with its other neighbors Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan for security reasons before national holidays such as the Constitution Day, celebrated on December 8. Parliamentary elections are also due in Uzbekistan on December, 2009.

*Source: The Washington Post (www.washingtonpost.com)*

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