

Kazakhstan



USAPEEC participation at the trade show “World Food Kazakhstan 2006”

Eight USAPEEC member companies: Meat Team, SJS USA, Mirasco, Intervisions, Mountaire, Globex, Piedmont Trading and Van Luin along with USAPEEC Director for Russia/Africa/CIS/Middle East - Jean Murphy and USAPEEC CA_EE Consultant Bella Ablaeva have participated at the 9th International Central Asian Show “World Food and Agro World 2006” in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The trade show dates were November 1-4, 2006.

This is the leading trade show in Central Asia with several thousand participants. Visitors from all Central Asian countries attended the show.

This year USAPEEC has participated for the first time at the food show in Almaty. USAPEEC booth was decorated with posters promoting U.S. poultry products and an AI Campaign stickers with the slogan “Poultry is safe just cook it”.

USAPEEC member companies believe it was worth their time to participate since Central Asia is a fast growing market for US poultry. Besides leg quarters, buyers expressed their interest in MDM product as well.



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USAPEEC booth: USAPEEC member companies attending “World Food Kazakhstan” on November 1-4, 2006

The import of meat to Kazakhstan increased by 32.26% during Jan-Sept 2006

According to State Statistics Agency, the export of meat products from Kazakhstan decreased by 55.6% in comparison with the same period of last year and totalled 115.5 MT. The export of beef decreased by 4.8 times and constituted 20 MT and poultry meat by 6.9 times down to 21.5 MT. However, the export of pork increased by 4.7 times up to 74 MT.

Kazakhstan exported meat to Russia and Tajikistan, eggs and egg products to Russia and Kyrgyzstan.

At the same time the import of meat increased by 32.2% and totaled 117,705.5 MT.

Beef import increased by 2.1 times and totaled 9,100 MT, pork by 2 times up to 1,700 MT and poultry by 27.6% and constituted 106,600 MT.

- *Source: meatinfo.ru; Translated by: usapeec.kz*

Kazakhstan's joining WTO discussed in the Government

Sitting on the issues of Kazakhstan's joining WTO chaired by the Prime Minister Daniyal Akhmetov has taken place on November 16 in Ukimet Uyi.

For two previous months a working group held bilateral and multilateral talks with six members of the World Trade Organization – the US, Canada, Brazil, Taiwan, Switzerland, Australia and the European Union on a wide range of issues concerning access to Kazakhstan's market of goods and services. In whole correspondent agreements on entry to the WTO were signed with 16 countries. One of the most difficult problems in negotiations with the European Union was entry and sojourn of individuals on the territory of Kazakhstan. According to Kazakh experts, the EU requirement on cancellation of economic feasibility test by import of labor power to Kazakhstan will create unfavorable conditions by employment of the Kazakhstanis.

As for telecommunication and energy services some objections were expressed within the negotiation process. In fact, there should not be a direct access to Kazakhstan's TV channels of satellite communication without an appropriate license.

In whole Mr. Akhmetov positively estimated activity of the working group. Nevertheless he criticized work of some ministries and departments ignoring development of positions on problematic issues. He also charged to prepare proposals on each direction of the negotiation process in two weeks. - *Source: Kazinform News Agency*

October inflation rate and price increase in Kazakhstan

Kazakhstan Statistics Agency informs that inflation rate in Kazakhstan for October 2006 made 0.7%. In October the price for eggs grew by 6.9%, dairy products - by 2%, meat and meat products - by 0.5%. Fruit and vegetables' prices increased by 0.1%. The price for sugar lowered by 1.7%. - *Source: Kazakhstan Today*

USDA offers GSM-102 credit guarantees for export sales to Eurasia region

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has announced the availability of the following credit guarantees for sales of U.S. agricultural commodities under the Commodity Credit Corporation's Export Credit Guarantee Program (GSM-102) for fiscal year 2007:

Total Amount Available: \$420 million
Geographical Area: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Russia and Ukraine

The GSM-102 program helps ensure that credit is available to finance commercial exports of U.S. agricultural products to developing countries, while providing competitive credit terms in these countries. Under this program, the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) reduces the financial risk to lenders by guaranteeing payments due from approved foreign banks to exporters or financial institutions in the United States.

This program announcement is issued in accordance with title 7, section 1493.10(d), of the Code of Federal Regulations.

COMMODITY ALLOCATIONS

Exporters may apply for credit guarantees on a first-come, first-served basis. These guarantees are to cover sales of any of the commodities specified below

Country	Commodity
Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Mongolia and Ukraine	All commodities
Russia	All commodities excluding poultry meat (frozen or chilled including parts thereof, muscle meat) and processed poultry meat products (products from poultry and mixtures thereof)

Sales of poultry products (specified above) to Russian buyers, regardless of the destination of the goods, are not eligible under this announcement.

The latest commodity list can be obtained by accessing the FAS Web page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/gsmcommodities.html>

Applications will be accepted beginning at the following time:

Beginning Time: 9:00 AM in the Eastern Standard Time Zone Beginning Date: Nov. 21, 2006

The allocation does not assign dollar amounts to any of the commodities specified in the GSM list of commodities, providing buyers and sellers maximum flexibility in arranging the size of their transactions within the scope of the overall allocation.

TERMS OF COVERAGE

In accordance with section 1493.20(v)(1), this announcement offers coverage on a free-alongside-ship or free-on-board basis. If commodities are sold on a cost-and-freight or cost-insurance-and-freight basis, coverage on a cost-and-freight basis to point of ocean transportation or international air carrier discharge is also available in accordance with section 1493.20(v)(2). Coverage is not available under this announcement for insurance costs.

Coverage of up to 98 percent of the principal is offered on credit terms from 30 days to three years, except for solid wood products, wood pulp, and wood chips, for which coverage is offered on credit terms of up to 720 days.

Adjustable interest coverage is also offered in accordance with FAS program announcement PR 0105-05 issued July 15, 2005, or as superseded. In any case where the credit period exceeds six months, principal payments are due at semi-annual intervals.

ELIGIBLE BANKS IN THE EURASIA REGION

Any bank approved by CCC for this region is eligible. For a complete list of eligible banks, refer to the CCC "GSM Program Foreign Bank Obligors" Web page located at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/foreignbanks.html>. Exporters are advised to obtain from their foreign buyer the name of the CCC-approved foreign bank that will be opening the letter of credit.

GUARANTEE FEE RATES

Pursuant to section 1493.70, for a complete list of fees refer to the CCC "GSM-102 Guarantee Fee Rate Schedule" Web page located at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/gsm102fees.html>. These fees are listed by risk category. A complete list of countries and their associated risk category is available on the CCC "Country Risk Category" Web page located at <http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/countryrisk.html>.

SPECIAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Sales must be registered with CCC by Sept. 30, 2007. Exporters' contractual language must call for exports by Nov. 30, 2007.

POINTS OF CONTACT

For further information, contact the Registrations and Operations Branch of FAS at (202) 720-3224, or by e-mail at AskGSM@fas.usda.gov.

For the latest updates on FAS programs and activities, go to the FAS Web page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov>.

Eurasia Region

In addition to the bank listed below, banks listed under [South Korea](#) and the [Russian Federation](#) are approved to transact business in the Eurasia Region.

- Alliance Bank, Kazakstan
- Bank Caspian, Kazakstan
- Bank CenterCredit, Kazakstan
- Bank Forum, Ukraine
- Bank Nadra, OJSC, Ukraine
- Bank Turam Alem, Kazakstan
- Finance and Credit Bank, Ukraine
- First Ukrainian International Bank, Ukraine
- Joint Stock, Post-Pension Bank Aval, Ukraine
- Kreditprombank, OJSC, Ukraine
- Nurbank, Kazakstan
- TAS Kommerzbank AG, Ukraine
- Temirbank, Kazakstan
- The State Export Import Bank of Ukraine
- UkrSibbank, JSIB, Ukraine
- UkrSotsbank, Ukraine
- Vseukrainsky Aktsionerny Bank, Ukraine (VA Bank)

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Kyrgyzstan



National Agency on Warning Corruption offers to set up a commission on checking up gross violations of Kyrgyz customs services

The National Agency on Warning Corruption addressed to the president and government to set up an independent commission in order to study gross violations of customs legislations by the republic's customs services and attract those guilty people for criminal responsibility.

The discrepancy of statistic data of customs services of Kyrgyzstan and China served as a reason for the address. The National Agency on Warning Corruption, on this occasion, has sent

its collaborator to China to clear out reasons of such variance in figures. According to Kurmanbek Joroev, the Commissioner of National Agency on Warning Corruption, it was established that the get-up of goods is done in not full volume at checkpoints of "Torugart" and "Irkeshtam". Motor vehicles, which pass through these checkpoints, are registered in special diary, however the weight, quantity and commodity classification is not specified in the diary. Documents are not checked and act of customs inspection is not drawn up. - Source: *Kyrgyz National News Agency*

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261,600 MT of meat were produced in Kyrgyzstan in 2006 that is more by 0.8% in comparison with the same period of last year. Issyk-Kulskaya oblast gave the best result with an increase of 3%.

- Source: *24 News Agency*; Translated by: *usapeec.kz*

Tajikistan



Inauguration of re-elected president of Tajikistan took place in Dushanbe

The official inauguration ceremony of the re-elected President of Tajikistan Emomali Rahmonov took place in Dushanbe on November 18. According to the results of the election Rahmonov got at least 80% of the votes. The inauguration took place at the Kokhi Somon governmental residence – the Somoni Palace. The President took the oath to protect the Constitution and defend the people. - Source: *Avesta News Agency*

On the next page are photos of some USAPEEC members meetings during "World Food Kazakhstan 2006"

