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Ukraine



Ukraine`s Poultry Producers Union to attack FEZs

According to Ukraine`s Poultry Producers Union (UPPU), domestic meat producing industry may have to cut down on production due to illegal actions that take place during the import of meat (falsification of veterinary certificates etc.)

The import of meat and poultry into Ukraine increased by 40% during January-June 2007 in comparison with the same period of the last year and totaled 110,000 MT.

39% of meat was imported as goods intended for further processing and re-export. 57% were imported via Territories of Priority Development (TPD) and Free Economic Zones (FEZs).

Also, according to the press release of UPPU, during the first half of 2007 almost 43,000 MT entered Ukraine as goods intended for further processing, which means an increase of 60% in comparison with same period of 2006.

At the same time, domestic production of meat and poultry totaled 585,000 MT which is 25% more in comparison with January-June 2006, while prices on domestic product showed a decrease of 15-20%. - *Source: APK-Inform; Translated and edited by: usapeec.kz*

Ukraine`s accession to the WTO is undecided?

According to the results of session in Geneva on July 23, 2007, the work group of the WTO has not approved the final version of the report that defines conditions of Ukraine`s accession to the

WTO. It was the sixth version of the report that the work group discussed. Ukraine hoped this version could be the last one.

According to the representative of the WTO Secretary, Ukraine must make changes to the report and submit it for consideration in August-September 2007.

Next session of the work group on Ukraine`s accession to the WTO may take place in early October.

The head of Ukrainian delegation still hopes that Ukraine will manage to complete process on WTO accession by the end of 2007. - *Source: ForUm Agency*

Ukraine imposed a ban on poultry imports from Malaysia

The Chief State Veterinary Inspector of Ukraine has imposed a ban on import of poultry and its products from Malaysia due to H5N1. - *Source: ForUm Agency*

Anthrax found in Ukraine

According to the Veterinary Department of Harkyv oblast a virus of anthrax has been found in dead cow on July 5. Preventive measures are taken to prevent the spread of this pathogenic disease. - *Source: meatinfo.ru; Edited by: usapeec.kz*

Ukrainian scientists testing bird flu vaccines

The State Department of Veterinary Medicine has begun trials of vaccines against highly pathogenic bird flu that were produced in Ukraine. On July 10, 2007, the veterinary services started vaccinating birds in two villages of Kherson

region – Vasylivka and Novopokrovka. The vaccines were developed by local producers: the Institute of Experimental Clinical Veterinary, Ukrzoovetprompostach corporation, according to the State Veterinary Department press service. First testing of the vaccines already took place in laboratory. - *Source: ForUm Agency; Edited by: usapeec.kz*

Ukraine posts H1 07 inflation

Ukraine's inflation stood at 4.2 percent in the first six months of 2007. The inflation figure is based on a price basket comprising foodstuffs, non-food goods and services.

Meanwhile, consumer prices grew 2.2 percent in June 2007. Food prices rose 3.5 percent and non-food prices increased 0.3 percent. Furthermore, prices on services edged up 0.6 percent. - *Source: RBC News*

Moldova



Moldova strengthened measures on prevention of under invoicing of imported goods.

The government has taken resolution of monitoring trading import transactions, the objective of which is reduction of under invoicing of the cost of the imported goods at the customs in order to minimize customs duties and VAT.

According to this resolution, the customs will have a list of average prices of imported goods, and this list will be updated by “ASYCUDA World” database. Special measures will be taken in case if the declared cost of imported good is less than 30 - 40% than the average price on domestic market. - *Source: InfoMarket Agency Edited by: usapeec.kz*

In January-May 2007, Moldova takes the third place in CIS on growth of inflation level (11.5%)

According to the data of CIS statistical committee

in January-May 2007, the highest inflation growth was registered in Tajikistan – 18.2 % and Azerbaijan – 16.2 %. The lowest inflation is registered in Armenia – 4.5 % and Kyrgyzstan – 4.6 %. Growth of inflation level made 9.3 % in Georgia, 7.9% in Kazakhstan – 7.9 %, 7.7% in Russia – 7.7 % and 7.4% in Belarus, respectively. Average growth of inflation level in CIS made 9%.

In January-June 2007, volumes of industrial production of Moldova made 11770.9 mln leis (\$968.8 mln), decreasing by 0.3% in comparison with the same period of 2006. The production of meat, meat products and canned meat increased by 22.3%. - *Source: InfoMarket Agency*

In January-May, 2007 deficit of trade balance of Moldova made \$825 mln., increasing by \$263.1 mln. or 46.8%, as compared to the same period of 2006

According to the data of the National Bureau of Statistics of Moldova, in January -May, 2007, deficit of trade balance of Moldova made 36.8% vs. 40.5% at the same period of the previous year. In particular, Moldova increased volumes of export by 25.9 % - up to \$481.4 million. At the same time, import grew by 38.4 % - up to \$1306.4 million, respectively.

In January-May, 2007, import of goods from CIS to Moldova made \$483.8 million, having increased by 25.9 %, and import from EU countries grew by 46.2 %- up to \$592.9 million, respectively. According to NBS, deficit of trade balance of Moldova with CIS countries increased by 46.5 % - from \$207.7 million up to \$304.3 million and from \$230.8 million up to \$348 million with EU countries, accordingly.

The highest deficit of trade balance of Moldova was registered with Ukraine (-\$173.1 million), Russia (-\$123.9 million), Germany (-\$93 million), Romania (-\$68.3 million), China (-\$62.2 million), Italy (-\$47.2 million) and Turkey (-\$44.9 million). - *Source: InfoMarket Agency*