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Ukraine



The Government of Ukraine cancelled benefits for meat imports and set 15% import duty

The Ukrainian Government made changes to the Law "On Customs Tariff" taking into account the proposal of the state's President. The document is aimed at fulfilling the obligations taken by Ukraine when entering the World Trade Organization.

The privileges on import of cattle were cancelled and the import duty on it is now amount to 15%. Therefore, Ukrainian agrarians are positively forecasting the rise of head of livestock in Ukraine.

According to the Ukrainian Agriculture Minister, over the first 10 months of 2008, Ukraine has imported around 500,000 MT of meat, including around 70,000 MT on a "for further processing" basis worth about \$90 million. However, the forecasted meat import volume during 2008 was only 250 thousand MT. The Minister has pointed out that this situation has destabilized the Ukrainian meat market.

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Ukraine bans meat import

On December 23, 2008 Ukrainian Verkhovna Rada during the second reading has passed a Law # 3353 "On making changes in some laws of Ukraine regarding preventing from negative consequences of financial crisis influence on development of agrarian industry complex".

The Ukrainian Government has banned meat imports (group #02 "Meat and food by-products") to the country on "for further processing" basis as of December 15, 2008.

Temporarily until December 31, 2010 import tariffs set by the Law of Ukraine "On customs tariff" will be applied to meat and food by-products, fats and oils of vegetable origin,

ready food fats, wax of animal and vegetable origin, ready meat/fish/crustaceans food products, mollusks or other water spineless.

The import rate of 1.5 euro/kg on other products of animal origin is also temporarily set until December 31, 2010.

Also the Government of Ukraine is intended to impose temporary restrictions on poultry and pork import to the country.

According to the decree of the Cabinet of Ministers as of December 17, 2008 the Ministry of Agrarian Policy, the Ministry of Economy and State Customs Service should work out corresponding proposals.

Besides, the Government obliged the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Agrarian Policy to bring in consideration to the Cabinet of Ministers proposals on strengthening of defense of home agricultural production by using methods of non-tariff regulation.

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The Ukrainian Ministry of Agrarian Policy worked out "Technical Regulation of requirements for meat and poultry meat products processing"

The project of Technical Regulation establishes common obligatory requirements for poultry meat and poultry meat products, poultry production, conducting of technological processes, storing, realization and utilization, rules of identification, requirements for packaging and marking of the products.

Requirements of the Regulation refer to poultry meat and poultry meat products produced and introduced to Ukraine.



Producer and operator of the market are responsible for conformity of the poultry products to consumption.

New kinds of the products, which are produced in Ukraine for the first time or imported to Ukraine for the first time, are to be registered in the country by central body of executive power on questions of health services.

Poultry meat and poultry meat products should conform to minimal specifications of the quality.

To provide conformity for the consumption of poultry meat and poultry meat products produced in Ukraine it is prohibited to:

- Use biological and chemical agents, food additives and materials which are not registered in Ukraine or banned to use in meat industry or are not used in right purpose;
- Use biologically active additives which have hormone effect;
- Use auxiliary means and materials for production and application which are banned to contact with poultry meat and poultry meat products;
- Use meat and non-meat components and raw-materials during production of poultry meat products if they do not meet requirements of valid normative and legal statements and sanitary norms.

Compulsory water instilled in poultry meat is prohibited. Poultry meat processed by antibiotics, conservators and powders for loosening is prohibited for consuming.

The processing of poultry meat by hydrogen peroxide or other whitening substances or natural and artificial dyes is prohibited.

The processing of poultry meat by substances which add a zest to it is prohibited.

Each lot of poultry meat which is introduced for consumption or processing should be accompanied by a set of the required veterinary documents, imported meat should be accompanied by an expert conclusion and a conformity certificate.

The implementing of this Technical Regulation "Requirements to the production of poultry meat and poultry meat products" is supposed since January 1, 2009.

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Moldova



Poultry goes down in price

The poultry producers of Moldova decided to reduce the selling price of poultry by about 7% or 3 lei (0.29\$) per kilo. The retail outlets now sell the poultry for 41-42 lei (3.96\$ - 4.06\$), as against 44-45 lei (4.25\$ - 4.35\$) a kilogram last week. The retail price of grill chicken is 38 lei (3.67\$) per kilo.

According to the Moldova's Ministry of Agrarian and Food Industry the price fall for poultry is mainly connected with the price decrease on cereals for more than 40%.

According to the figures provided by Moldova's Agrarian Ministry, Moldova has produced about 15 thousand MT of poultry meat during January-November 2008. This figure is planned to amount to 17 thousand MT until the end of the current year.

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GDP's growth of Moldova made 7.6%

According to the Prime Minister of Moldova Zinaida Greceanii growth of GDP during January- September 2008 has made up 7.6%.

The Prime Minister noted that, in Q I of 2008, GDP's growth in Moldova amounted to 3.3%, in Q II - 6.2% and in Q III -10.8%, accordingly.

According to the Premier, in Q III of 2008 GDP's growth of 10% is the record since 2000. Zinaida Greceanii stressed that to the end of 2008 GDP's growth in Moldova should be not less than 6% and inflation- about 8%.

- Source: Infomarket.md



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