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### Ukraine

#### **The State Veterinary Medicine Committee of Ukraine has changed conditions for import of raw meat materials and other products of animal origin**



“Earlier every company that was planning to import its products into Ukraine has been inspected. But now a company will get permission to import its products under a certificate of origin. However, products will still undergo veterinary and sanitary inspection”, the Committee explained.

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According to the statement of the State Committee of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine, the Committee has changed the conditions for import of raw materials and products of animal origin into Ukraine. The corresponding Order No. 518 as of December 11, 2009 of the State Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine cancels the Decree of the Chief Inspector of Veterinary Medicine of Ukraine No. 23 as of March 12, 2001 “On urgent measures on prevention and elimination of the appearance of the Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy and other prion infection among cattle”. The Order No. 518 was registered at the Ministry of Justice on December 28, 2009. “Adoption of this Order helps to bring Ukrainian legislation in conformity with effective legal acts of the World Trade Organization, international standards and recommendations of the International Epizootic Bureau regarding imports into the territory of Ukraine of raw materials and products of animal origin, feed additives, premixes, forages for domestic animals and other products of animal origin after preliminary study of the epizootic situation, verification of compliance with requirements for the facilities, checks of the storage conditions in the countries that are exporting goods”, the statement of the Veterinary Medicine Committee reads.

According to the Ukrainian State Veterinary Medicine Committee, with the abovementioned Order No. 518 import procedures of products of animal origin have been simplified.

#### **EU will again check Ukrainian poultry and egg producers**

In winter 2010 European Veterinaries will again check Ukrainian poultry meat and egg producers.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association “Union of Poultry Producers of Ukraine”, A. Bakumenko noted that Ukrainian producers would be obliged to correct all the deficiencies which have been earlier identified by inspectors in order to enter the European market.

According to Bakumenko, European Commissioners, who came with verification visit to Ukraine this summer, didn't have any special negative comments to Ukrainian poultry meat and egg producers. “Issues that were raised were related to the harmonization of the Ukrainian veterinary legislation with the European one. Several slight remarks were made to our enterprises. In fact, they could be easily corrected and we expect another inspection in January-February 2010. The Veterinary Committee is ready to handle all of the remarks that had been made”, he said.

As a reminder, in mid-June 2009 European Commissioners inspected a number of Ukrainian enterprises producing poultry meat and eggs.

Thus, remarks of inspectors were mainly related to non-compliance of certain items of Ukrainian and European regulatory frameworks.

The EU Council of Ministers on Agriculture and Protection of Consumer Rights is to make a final decision on the possibility to supply Ukrainian products to the EU.

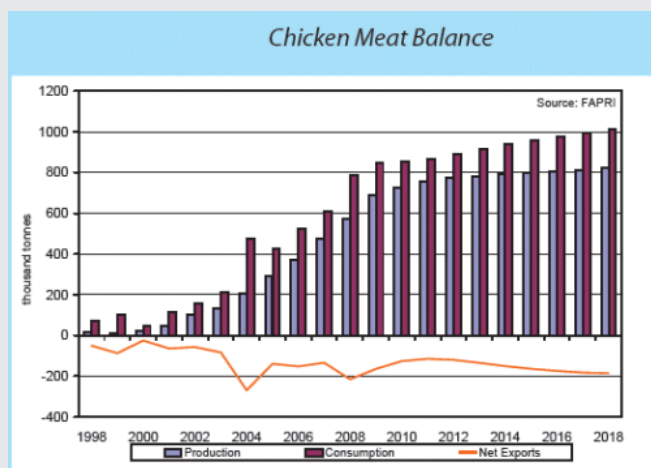
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## Ukraine broiler production is expected to increase by 20 percent by 2018

Poultry consumption in the Ukraine is set to overtake pork and beef consumption this year, an EU report has said.

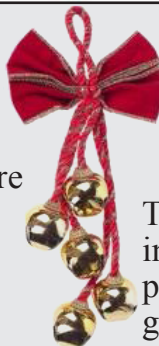
Furthermore, the Ukraine's broiler production industry is now established as the country's most important meat sector.

Following independence, poultry numbers fell sharply during the transition period and by the year 2001 the flock was 40 percent below mid 1990s levels. However, output has since recovered and broiler production has grown from almost nothing to 690,000 MT in the year 2009. The report, which outlines the potential for Ukrainian agriculture, said further growth of 20 percent is projected to the year 2018.



Pig production in the Ukraine, which contracted by 60 percent in the early 1990s, is expected to increase by 8 percent in the coming decade.

The report went on to say that World Trade Organization accession in 2008 is already pushing Ukraine in the direction of more open trade policy.



The most protected sectors, especially sugar and livestock, are now exposed to more import competition, while export quotas and taxes, particularly for grains and oilseeds, have been eased.

The report said the prospects for intensive livestock, especially poultry look more optimistic, especially given the sector's access to cheap feed.

The report concludes that Ukraine is a potential "rising star" of Eastern Europe with huge agricultural potential. In addition, the EU has replaced Russia as the country's top agricultural trading partner.

Yuriy Kosyuk CEO at Mironovskiy Hlebproduct (MHP), Ukraine's largest poultry producer, recently outlined the company's expansion plans. He said the completion of the CJSC Myronivska Ptahofabryka building project will not be the end of the group's expansion plans. The next major project will be the Vinnytsya integrated poultry production complex.

Kosyuk added: "By 2016 – 2018 we will add approximately 440,000 MT to our current production volume and almost everything will be distributed in the domestic market."

It is worth noting that particularly in the year 2009 poultry meat production in Ukraine will grow by 12-13 percent according to the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Association "Union of Poultry Producers of Ukraine" Aleksandr Bakumenko.

Source: Feedinfo News Service  
([www.feedinfo.com](http://www.feedinfo.com))

## Ukrainian poultry farmers will hold a campaign against imports of chicken leg quarters

"Soon the whole country will understand what the imported chicken leg quarters are", General Director of Association "Harkovtptitseprom", Vadim Shiyan, said.

According to him, a number of domestic producers of poultry meat beginning the year 2010 plan to launch public education campaigns, during which the differences between imported CLQs and domestically produced ones will be shown.

Advertising campaign will be held by the country's leading poultry farms via central mass media; local farms will conduct advertising campaigns locally.

V. Shiyan has also noticed that in addition to social measures, it is planned to take economic measures for protection of domestic consumers. Furthermore, it is planned to introduce a duty on the import of CLQs and to set quota on their import. At present talks are underway, and information on the amount of the duty and volume of the quotas are not provided yet. The end of negotiations is scheduled for the first quarter of 2010. "We can assume that the quota will be around 300,000 MT per year", V. Shiyan said.

He also said that measures on blocking imports of CLQs into the country via "gray" (illegal) channels are now being undertaken. "The most difficult area to block was on the border of Moldova and Transnistria Republic where international agreements on transit are effective", V. Shiyan pointed out.

*Source: Meatinfo News Service  
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### **The State Veterinary Medicine Committee of Ukraine predicts reduction of meat imports**

The State Veterinary Medicine Committee of Ukraine predicts reduction of raw meat imports by 130,000 MT in the year 2009 compared to the year 2008. Therefore, imports of raw meat will amount to 400,000 MT this year, whereas last year imports of meat to Ukraine amounted to 530,000 MT, according to the Head of the Committee, Peter Verbytsky.

P.Verbytsky said that reduction of imports of meat raw materials was achieved, in particular, due to the reducing of issuance of import licenses. Besides, meat imports decreased due to the strengthening of laboratory control.

"According to the Law we should carry out a standard control, which is just a visual assessment of products and an advanced control of individual suppliers of products, which should be conducted quarterly. We have introduced an absolutely advanced control over products, which we believe, have a high risk, such as by-products", P. Verbitsky said.

He informed that as a result of such inspections 16 facilities that have European numbers were closed. Causative agents of infectious diseases and other deficiencies were identified in those companies. During inspections, more than 1,700 MT of substandard products (which have been stored in warehouses) and 4,600 MT of products (at meat processing plants and markets) were confiscated.

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### **Ministry of Economy of Ukraine promulgated a draft law on transition to the new Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System GS-2007 (State Standard – 2007)**

Ministry of Economy of Ukraine posted on its website a draft law on introducing amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Customs Tariff of Ukraine".

According to the explanatory note to the document, the draft law on amendments to the Law of Ukraine "On Customs Tariff of Ukraine" was developed to bring the current legislation of Ukraine in conformity with the generally recognized norms of international law, in particular, by creation of the Customs Tariff of Ukraine, based on the new version of the Ukrainian Classification of Goods for Foreign Economic Activity (UCGFEA), which is in its turn based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the year 2007 (GS-2007) and the Combined Nomenclature of the European Union.



The current Customs Tariff of Ukraine is based on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System of the year 2002, whereas the application of tariff and non-tariff regulation in most countries of the world, particularly in the EU and CIS countries, is based on the GS-2007.

Bringing Commodity Description in conformity with the requirements of GS-2007 will allow to adapt the statistical system of Ukraine to international methods, standards and classifications, as well as to speed up and simplify customs clearance procedures for goods during implementation of foreign trade activity.

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### **New US Ambassador began his mission in Ukraine**

On December 2, 2009 the United States' new Ambassador John Tefft arrived to Ukraine and handed in the copies of his letters of credence to Ukrainian Foreign Minister Petro Poroshenko. John Tefft has already met with Raisa Bogatyreva, Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. The two sides discussed a number of bilateral cooperation issues.

Also new US Ambassador gave an interview to Dzerkalo Tyzhnia (Mirror Weekly) newspaper in which he pointed out the importance of conducting economic reforms and an effective fight against corruption in order to tackle the consequences of the economic crisis.

“Our team in the US Embassy hopes for joint work and assistance to Ukraine even in a period when we all have to live through economic difficulties. The last, of course, will require from Ukraine's leadership difficult budget decisions, the firm decisiveness to conduct economic reforms and the readiness to fight corruption at all levels and in all spheres of life,” John Tefft said.

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## **Moldova**



### **Domestic producers of Moldova demand to block import of meat**

The domestic producers of pork, poultry, eggs and processed products demand to suspend until February 1, 2010 the issuance of licenses for the import of meat.

The memorandum-agreement, sent by the meat producers to the authorities of the country, requires ensuring the development of the legal framework necessary for operation and further development of the livestock industry, slaughter enterprises and production of sausages. The stock-breeders claim that Moldova has enough meat to ensure the domestic consumer demand. The stock-breeders also ascertain that the local market is saturated with the meat products, including cheap imported meat. In this regard, they require increasing customs duties on imports of meat up to 20 percent plus 400 euro per each MT imported, by making necessary amendments to the Law “On the customs tariffs”.

At present, 3,700 heads of cattle, more than 10,000 of sheep, 30,000 pigs and more than 1.7 million heads of poultry are ready to slaughter. Alongside with this, the stock of meat at refrigeration factories of the country makes up about 7,000 MT, including 2,000 MT of the domestic poultry meat.

According to the department of livestock at the Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, Moldova annually produces 135,000-140,000 MT of meat, 3,000-4,000 MT of which are exported and 115,000-125,000 MT are sold at the domestic consumer market.

At the same time, Moldova annually imports 20,000-35,000 MT of meat.

During the first 9 months of this year, the volume of pork production in Moldova has increased by 150 percent; poultry production has increased by 120 percent.

*Source: Infomarket News Agency  
(www.infomarket.md)*

## **Moldova has liberalized import of meat and meat products**

The decision to liberalize import of meat and meat products was passed by the Government of Moldova on December 24, 2009. The Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry Valeriu Cosarciu said that according to the approved decree, the former quota system of import of meat and meat products and import of meat under special permissions would be cancelled in Moldova. At the same time, to protect local meat producers and consumers, Moldovan authorities plan to apply some instruments, in particular, to limit price surcharge for meat, fixing it at the level of maximum 20 percent, as well as to increase customs duties on meat and meat products import from 200 to 450 euro for 1 MT.

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## **American Chamber of Commerce in Moldova launches the Roadmap for the development of Moldova's business and economic climate**

The publication comprises a set of recommendations aimed to foster the improvement of Moldova's economic environment to the benefit of both business community and civil society.

The Roadmap for the Development of Moldova's Business and Economic Climate includes recommendations regarding the promotion of domestic and foreign investments, the establishment and promotion of strategic sectors of Moldovan economy, the development of human capital and the reform of the Labor Code, agricultural reform and many other.

Among the AmCham's recommendations for the development of Moldova's business and economic climate there are: improvement of the tools for financing small and medium enterprises, promotion of follow-on investment, establishment of a State Agency for investment recruitment, implementation of policies that will stimulate and reward successful exporters, improvement of tax legislation.

Thus, AmCham is willing to establish a collaborative relationship with the Government of Moldova, and is ready to share its efforts and experience in the process of reform, development and improvement of the business and living climate in the country, by creating a Working Group made up of public sector, private sector and civil society.

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