

Ukraine



Ukraine bans poultry imports from France

The State Veterinary Department of the Ukrainian Agrarian Policy Ministry imposed embargo on imports of poultry and its products from Deux-Sevres (France). According to the International Epizootic Office's official report, Newcastle disease was registered in Deux-Sevres this month. - *Source: ForUm News Agency*

Ukraine might join WTO in December

Ukrainian President Viktor Yuschenko believes that the latter half of this December is the most favorable time for Ukraine to join the WTO, whereas dragging out the process of joining is not in Ukraine's interests.

According to the Head of Government, the Cabinet of Ministers assumes full responsibility for Ukraine's accidence to the WTO, therefore submission of the corresponding bills for the Parliament's consideration is its direct obligation. Now the Government plans to consider the major portion of WTO bills if not all.

"We should understand that late December is the best time to show Ukraine's readiness to adapt its legislation on the domestic market to the rules and procedures of the WTO," the President told reporters in Kyiv on Tuesday, November 7.

Yuschenko reminded reporters that lately Vietnam became a member of the WTO, while Russia and Ukraine are still outside this organization. "I don't want Ukraine to fall behind," the President said. "The Government aims at proposing the Parliament to consider

all bills before the middle of December and will spare no effort to provide their adoption", Viktor Yanukovych emphasized. - *Source: Interfax News Agency, UNIAN.*

Ukrainian meat market in October

Meat and by-products production in Ukraine in October totalled 66,400 MT. This is 11% more comparing to September. Beef production constituted 17,900 MT (+8.3%), pork 12,400 MT (+10.4%), poultry meat 34,400MT (+12.8%), by-products 1,400 MT (+1%).

Meat and by-products production in October 2006 increased by 20% in comparison with October 2005.

562,600 MT of meat were produced during past ten months, whereas 480,800 MT were produced during the same period in 2005.

Poultry meat production increased by 22.5% and constituted 321,000 MT, pork by 53.4% to 102,700 MT, by-products by 6.1% to 10,800 MT. Beef production decreased by 9% and totalled 127,200 MT during these ten months.

191 mln heads of poultry were registered in Ukraine on November 1. This is 3% less in comparison with October 1, 2006.

Poultry livestock increased by 1.6 mln heads (+0.9%) in comparison with November 1, 2005.

Cattle and poultry meat sellings in Ukraine increased by 7.4% during Jan-Oct 2006.

Live farmings sold 1.93 mln MT of poultry and cattle meat (live weight) for slaughter, that is more by 7.4% in comparison with the same period of last year. - *Source: AgroPerspectiva, APK-Inform; Translated by: usapeec.kz*

Bird flu was not confirmed in Sumskaya region of Ukraine

Ukrainian State Laboratory of Veterinary Medicine did not find H5N1 virus in dead ducks in Sumskaya region. Earlier, Ministry of Health informed that 50 dead birds were found in Sklyarovka village of this region. Experts suppose that poultry was fed by mistake with poisoned bird-seed, prepared for rats. - *Source: APK-Inform; Translated by: usapeec.kz*

Agriculture should be top priority says Yushchenko

President Victor Yushchenko has attended a ceremony in Kyiv's International Center of Culture and Arts to present state awards to farmers, who celebrate their professional holiday on November 19, according to the President's press-office. In his speech, the President said agriculture had traditionally been one of the leading branches of the national economy. Thus, the revival of farming in Ukraine, he said, was our top priority in the area of national security.

Yushchenko said the government was going to invest UAH 11 bln in the development of the sector in 2007 and introduce special subsidies. It has so far improved the investment climate, raised salaries to farmers and reduced salary debts by 22%. "It is our foremost obligation to pay people what they earn," he said, addressing government officials and heads of farming companies.

The President promised to control the implementation of next year's agricultural budget. "I assure you that the agricultural sector will be efficiently supported," he said. Yushchenko said it was incumbent on the government to financially renew the sector and promote its competitiveness. He criticized the government for limiting the exportation of some agricultural products.

"The industry should have a maximum market of demand," he said. He also said he could not understand why the government had decided to export less grain. "Financial policy of the country should be aimed at creating motivations not

covering some deficit," he said, adding that First Deputy Premier Mykola Azarov had recently assured him the problem would be resolved by the middle of November.

As far as Ukraine's WTO prospects, the President said the experience of the neighboring countries proved that integration into this international organization posed no threat to our agriculture but would stimulate its development. He called on members of parliament to approve 21 WTO bills, adding that it was "the issue of national significance." "If Ukraine does not use its chance to join the WTO - and there is such a chance until December 21 - it will lag in this direction many more years," he said. President also said it was important to legalize the agricultural business and institute liberal reforms in the sector. - *Source: UNIAN*

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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- Source: www.fas.usda.gov

U.S. gives Ukraine equipment for biosafety

The United States gave Ukraine an equipment for providing biosafety. US Ambassador in Ukraine, William Taylor, announced this to reporters at a press conference.

The equipment was forwarded to the State Central Laboratory of Veterinary Medicine in Kyiv. As to him, the supplied equipment costs USD 220,000.

In the Ambassador's words, US rendered this equipment in reply to Ukraine's request to help fighting bird flu.

He also reported, that handing over of the equipment is done in the framework of the US Department of Defense large-scale project for fighting bioterrorism and preventing spread of pathogens.

The Ambassador also reported that the US Defense Department plans to supply similar equipment to the central sanitary and epidemiological station of the Health Ministry in Kyiv and the Institute of Experimental and Clinical

Veterinary Medicine of the Academy of Agricultural Sciences in Kharkiv. As Ukrainian News earlier reported, in December 2005 the USA has also provided Ukraine with medical equipment and protective clothing worth USD 43,000 for fighting bird flu. - Source: *Ukrainian News Agency*

Agricultural Policy Ministry works to decrease prices and trade markup for food due to falling prices for fuel

Agricultural Policy Ministry finds expedient to decrease prices and trade markups for food in connection with reduction of prices for fuel and lubricants, Agricultural Policy Minister Yurii Melnyk said.

Melnyk noticed, that they agreed with the Poultry Farmers Association to lower prices for poultry meat by 10% and also to reduce prices for eggs. - Source: *Ukrainian News Agency*

Moldova



Import of meat to Moldova will be allowed only with the permission for import

According to the decision of the government taken in November 15 special commission will issue permissions to the economic agents for import of separate consignment of meat with volume up to 110 MT.

Permission with 2 months term of validation will be issued in time of 20 days from the moment of handing application. In order to receive the permission the importer should have the meat storehouse with the volume not less than 150 MT as well as the special transport with thermo regulator. At the moment of entering the country the importer should present the original of veterinary certificate from the producer.

Besides this in time of 15 days he will have to confirm import of the meat to the country representing copy of the customs declaration confirming import of at least 95% of the stipulated volume otherwise he will not get permission to import any more.

According to the words of the Minister of Agriculture and Food Industry - Anatolii Gorodenco strictening of the control under import of meat is stipulated by the mass evasion of tax payment and numerous violations of sanitary-veterinary norms.

In particular in time of 2005 more than 60,000 MT of meat was imported to Moldova the prevailing amount of the frozen meat of long-storage and sub-products dangerous for the health of consumers. From his part the Minister of Economy and Trade - Igor Dodon noted that a number of protection steps referring to the licensing and customs duties will be prepared by 2007. - *Source: Informarket News Agency*

Meat production in Moldova increases

According to Moldovan National Bureau of Statistics cattle and poultry meat production during Jan-Sept 2006 increased by 11% in comparison with the same period of last year and totalled 107,100 MT (live weight). Eggs

production increased by 0.4% and constituted 579.6 mln. pcs.

Meat consumption in Moldova in 2006 will total 126,000 MT. It is presumed that 98,000 MT of meat will be produced by enterprises by the end of the year and 4,000 MT of them will be exported. The import of meat is predicted to decrease by 2 times and constitute 32,000 MT. - *Source: NewsMoldova, AgroPerspectiva; Edited & translated by: usapeec.kz*

Prices for poultry meat increased in Moldova during the month of October

According to information of the National Bureau of Statistics during October 2006 prices for food goods increased 2.4%, for non-food- 1.4% and 0.6% -for services provided to population.

The high increase of prices was registered for: dietary eggs – 29.5%, fresh vegetables – 16.2%, poultry meat - 3,3% and milk products - 2,3%. - *Source: InfoMarket News Agency*