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Ukrainian President Zelensky promises to invest \$20 bln in infrastructure in five years



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky told about plans to invest at least \$20 billion in infrastructure of Ukraine at the Ukrainian-Turkish business forum in Istanbul. He also said that in the next five years, the Ukrainian economy will grow by 5-7% annually.

"Over this time, we will invest at least \$20 billion in our infrastructure to repair our 24,000 km of roads, to increase the number of operating airports to 15, to develop 5 seaports, to substantially increase their capacity, to triple the capacity of our military-industrial complex," the president said.

"We will conduct large-scale privatization and sell hundreds of interesting objects to effective investors, create normal competitive rules in the energy markets and simplify the rules of doing business removing restrictions in the areas of labor relations and capital flow," Zelensky said.

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Land reform to be conducted in Ukraine this year



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has said that this year the land reform will be conducted in the country, which would allow creating the land market in 2020.

"This year we shall certainly conduct the land reform, which will allow creating the 40 million ha land market next year," he said at the Ukrainian-Turkish business forum in Istanbul.

Ukrainian President Zelensky includes CEOs of General Electric, Rakuten, Citigroup to national investment council

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has reshuffled the National Investment Council, appointing two deputies head of the Office of the President of Ukraine and introducing officials from foreign companies.

In particular, Zelensky's decree introduces Senior Vice President, CFO of General Electric (the United States) Jamie Miller, Board Chairman and Executive Director of Rakuten Inc. (Japan) Hiroshi Mikitani, as well as CEO at Bank Citigroup Inc. (the United States) for Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) David Livingston (all three by their consent) as members of the National Investment Council.

The President introduced Livingston to the National Investment Council instead of Chief Operating Officer for Europe, Middle East & Africa (EMEA) at Bank Citigroup Inc. James C. Cowles.

In addition, deputies head of the office of the President of Ukraine Oleksiy Honcharuk and Vadym Prystaiko were

Ukraine introduces IBAN (International Bank Account Number)

The application of the international bank account number (IBAN) will be introduced in Ukraine on August 5, the National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) wrote on Facebook. According to its report, the banks will change their operating accounts in accordance with the requirements of the new standard, while maintaining the current number of analytical accounting.

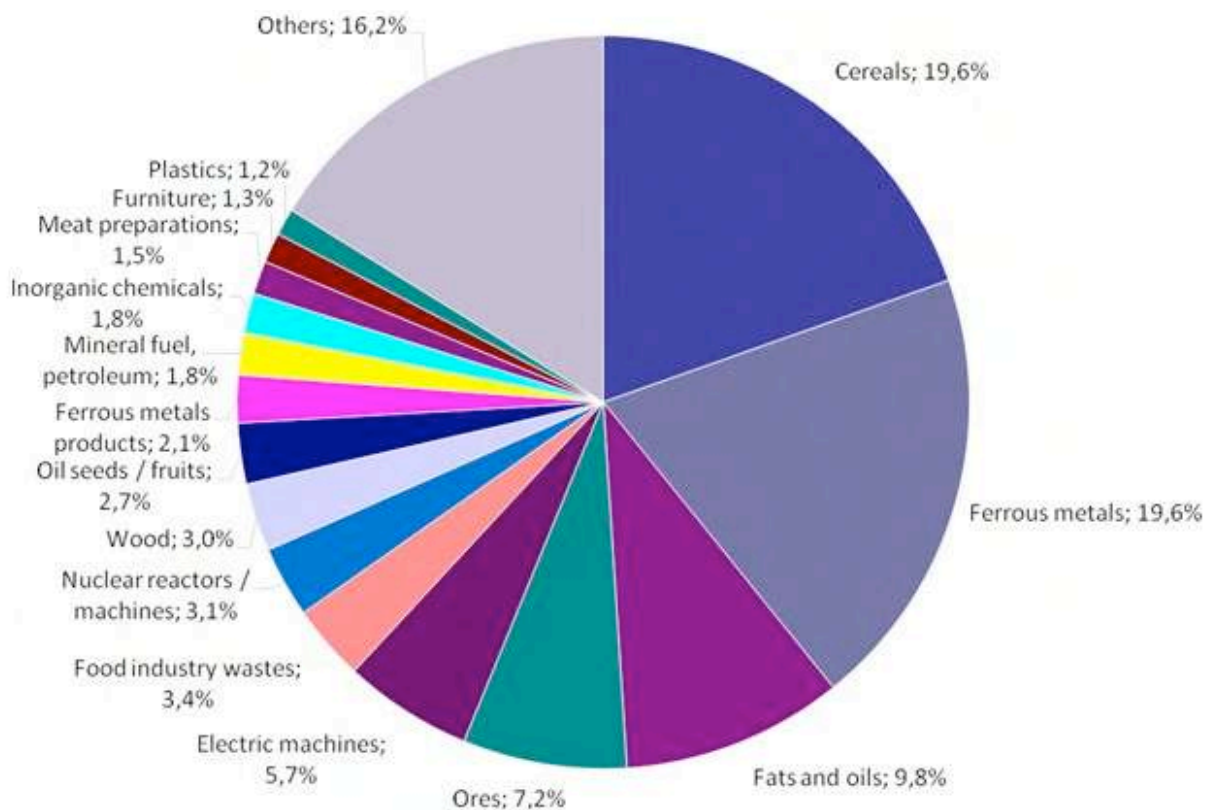
New IBAN-standard accounts will consist of 29 alphanumeric characters: a country code, a check digit, a bank code, and an account number.



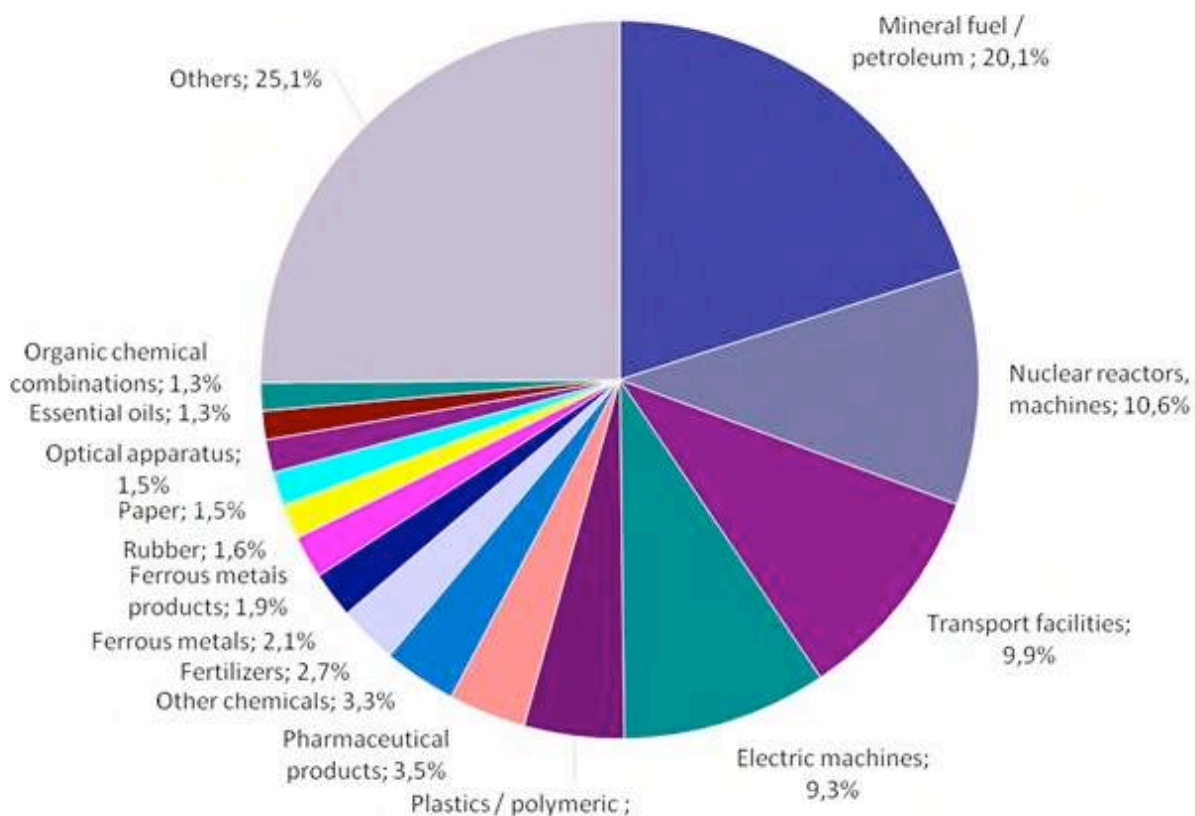
Since November 1, the use of IBAN will become mandatory for customers of all banks of Ukraine in the implementation of money transfers, both in national and in foreign currencies, including cross border transfers so that all transfers will be carried out exclusively using IBAN.

After the introduction of IBAN, all payment cards issued by banks to the client's account remain valid, they are a payment tool that enables the client to transfer funds from a bank account using a payment device.

Commodity pattern of Ukrainian export in Jan-May, 2019



Commodity pattern of Ukrainian import in Jan-May, 2019



Deficit of Ukraine's foreign trade in Jan-June increases by 36%

The deficit of Ukraine's foreign trade in goods in January-June 2019 increased by 36.3% compared with January-June 2018, to \$3.736 billion, the State Statistics Service has reported.

The service said that in June 2019 the seasonally adjusted export volume decreased by 3.7% compared to May 2019, to \$4.081 billion, while imports by 0.2%, to \$5.248 billion.

The seasonally adjusted foreign trade balance in June was also negative and amounted to \$1.167 billion, which is 14.4% more than in the previous month.



According to its data, export of goods from Ukraine for the specified period grew by 5.2%, to \$24.469 billion, while imports by 8.5%, to \$28.205 billion.

The service said that foreign trade operations were carried out with partners from 214 countries of the world.

Ukrainian producer of oak and fruit wood briquettes ready for cooperation

Since 2016, VNG STANDART has been producing Pini-Kay oak and fruit wood briquettes for use in solid fuel boilers, fireplaces. It also produces wood charcoal briquettes for charcoal grills, barbecue grills, and charcoal ovens.

The company ships products to Germany, Belgium, Poland, Romania, and other countries.

Wood charcoal briquettes have much more advantages than traditional lump charcoal.

Key advantages include:

- Environmentally friendly;
- Much more economical than traditional lump charcoal for outdoor grills and BBQ grills;
- Even burning for up to seven hours without smoke and sparks;
- Ideal balance of heat output;
- Calorific value 8,200-8,900 kcal;
- Possibility of reuse;
- Convenient shape, compact packaging.

Shape	Tetrahedron
Calorific value	8,200-8,900 kcal
Ash content	Up to 1%
Moisture	Up to 3%
Length	25 cm
Raw material	Oak
Use	Grill, BBQ, outdoor grill, fireplace, stove

The price of wood charcoal briquettes is US\$520 per tonne on FCA terms.

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Norsk Solar from Norway signs contract with Ukrainian contractor for building solar power plant near Kyiv



Norway's Norsk Solar has signed an agreement with the Voltage Group Ukrainian Company for designing and building of a 9 MW solar power plant near the town of Brovary in Kyiv region, the Nordic Environment Finance Corporation (NEFCO) reported on its website. According to the NEFCO, Voltage Group developed design documentation for construction of the solar plant on a total land area of 12.6 hectares.

The plant, which is located in the village of Semypolky, is to be commissioned at the end of 2019.

As reported, the NEFCO will lend EUR 4.35 million to Norway's Norsk Solar for the construction of the plant, while Norsk Solar will issue another EUR 4.35 million.

The project owner and majority equity contributor, Norsk Solar AS, is part of the Norsk Vind group.

Norsk Solar is owned by Norwegian Lars Helge Helvig.

Ukrainian SPP will be the second such kind of a project for the company.

Wind Solar Energy intends to build 60 MW wind farm in Ukraine

Wind Solar Energy LLC (Kyiv) intends to build a 60 MW wind power plant in Zhytomyr region, according to the website of the unified register of environmental impact assessment.

The project includes building 18 wind turbines with a capacity of up to 5.6 MW each. The height of the towers will be 166 meters, the diameter of the rotor is up to 150 meters.

In addition, the plans include the construction of 12 km of technological roads, 12 km of cable networks, as well as power lines of up to 6 km. The operation life of the wind farm is 20 years.

As reported, Wind Solar Energy intends to build three phases of the Lisova wind plant with a total capacity of up to 190 MW in the area of the Pokaliv village (Korosten district, Zhytomyr region).

Irish low cost airline Ryanair doubles number of flights from Ukraine

The Irish low cost airline Ryanair (Dublin) from November 2019 will perform 113 flights a week to 40 destinations from Ukraine, which is 2 times more than the figure for November 2018 (52 flights, 17 destinations).



According to the website of the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine, 80 flights a week in 26 directions will be operated from Kyiv from November 2019.

Six flights per week will be operated from Kharkiv in three directions, 13 flights per week from Odesa in six directions (in November 2018, flights from these cities were not operated).

From Lviv, there will be 14 flights per week in five directions (the same number of flights was carried out in November 2018).

Boryspil International Airport tops rating of ACI Europe among airports for 10-25 mln passengers



Boryspil International Airport (Kyiv) in the second quarter and June 2019 topped the rating of ACI Europe among airports for 10-25 million passengers.

Boryspil airport said on Facebook the leading result was provided by the positive dynamics of growth in passenger traffic of 23.7% and 27.6% respectively. At the same time, in the first half of the year Boryspil International Airport ranked second, following Berlin Airport.

ACI Europe monthly compiles a rating of airports by passenger traffic, analyzing data from more than 230 European airports.

Airports Council International (ACI) is the only worldwide professional association of airport operators. It is divided into the following branches: ACI Europe, ACI Africa, ACI Asia, ACI Latin American/Caribbean, ACI North America, and ACI Pacific.

The goals of the ACI are to represent the interests of member airports of the organization, search for ways of their cooperation with airlines and other partners to create the conditions necessary for the successful functioning of the entire industry, to promote the interests of airport operators in regulatory bodies and legislative structures, as well as in circles that influence the formation of public opinion about airport business.

Ukrainian seaports sees 16% rise in cargo handling

Ukrainian seaports in January-July 2019 handled 85.499 million tonnes of cargo, which is 15.8% more than a year ago. The Ukrainian Sea Ports Authority said on its website that in January-July the volume of transshipment of bread cargos totaled 28.313 million tonnes, which is 34.8% more than a year ago.

Transshipment of ore increased 29.5%, to 20.153 million tonnes, and oil – 12.3%, to 3.586 million tonnes.

According to authority, the total volume of transshipment of imported chemical and mineral fertilizers for the period amounted to 670,190 tonnes, which is 14.5% higher than the same indicator last year.

Over the period, the volume of exports increased 22.3% to 65.547 million tonnes, while imports 4.4%, to 13.247 million tonnes, while transit decreased 11.2%, to 5.687 million tonnes.

Container handling in January-July 2019 increased 20%, to 545,800 TEU (twenty-foot equivalent unit).

As reported, in 2018, sea ports of Ukraine handled more than 135 million tonnes of cargo, which is 2.4 million tonnes more than in 2017.

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Freight transportation on Dnipro river increases by 31.5%



Freight transportation on the Dnipro River in January-July 2019 increased by 31.5% compared to the same period in 2018, up to 5.45 million tonnes. As the Rivers of Ukraine Association reported on Facebook with reference to the Sea Ports Authority of Ukraine, the number of ship passages along the Dnipro totaled 5,775 voyages.



Transportation of metals in January-July increased by 33.9%, to 835,200 tonnes, grain shipments rose by 2.3 times, to 2.2 million tonnes. Those of building materials and other goods decreased by 5.7% to nearly 2.394 million tonnes.

As reported, 16.5 million tonnes of freight was transported by river in Ukraine in 2018. Freight traffic on the Dnipro last year increased by 22.4% from 2017, to about 9.9 million tonnes.

In 2016-2018, transportation of grain freight across the Dnipro grew by 180% and that of construction freight by 130%, according to the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine.

The volume of traffic by inland waterways in 2016-2018 increased by 112% compared with 2013-2015, to 9.9 million tonnes in 2018.

Ukraine boosts pipe export to \$430 mln in Jan-July 2019



Ukraine in January-July 2019 increased steel pipe exports by 4% compared to the same period in 2018, to 397,400 tonnes from 382,500, up to \$430.8 million, according to a report of the state-owned enterprise Derzhzovnishinform.

Export of seamless pipes in in physical term grew by 7.3%, up to 289,600 tonnes (by 4% in monetary terms, to \$364.3 million), export of big-diameter pipes was 2.9 times up, to 11,400 tonnes (by 2.3 times to \$8.2 million), meanwhile exports of welded pipes dropped by 11.1%, to 96,600 tonnes (by 18.9% in monetary terms up to \$58.3 million).

According to the results of the seven months ending July 2019, the volume of export of rolled stock increased by 4.5%, to 5.704 million tonnes. However, exports of rolled stock in monetary term decreased by 6.5%, to \$2.676 billion. In particular, the export of flat stock saw 6.9% rise, up to 3.191 million (3.6% down in monetary terms to \$1.631 billion), the export of bolt stock saw 0.3% rise, by 1.71 million (11.6% down in monetary terms up to \$934.2 million), flat stock saw 4.4% rise, to 169,600 tonnes (3.1% down in monetary terms, to \$111.66 million).

Demand for electric cars in Ukraine 53% up in seven months



The initial registration of electric vehicles (used and new) in Ukraine in January-July 2019 increased by 53% compared to the same period in 2018, to 4,035 units (3,742 cars and 293 commercial vehicles), the Ukrautoprom association reports.

At the same time, used cars still account for the lion's share (91%) of the primary electric car market.



The leader in the segment of passenger electric cars remains Nissan Leaf: for the seven months, cars of this model received Ukrainian numbers. Tesla Model S ranks second (318 registrations), while BMW i3 ranked third with 216

Fiat 500e electric car were chosen by 178 Ukrainians, while the fifth place was shared by two models: Renault Zoe and Volkswagen E-Golf (154 cars each).

In the commercial segment, Renault Kangoo Z.E. still has the best result with 272 registrations.

President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky on July 6 signed the law that introduces green number plates for electric cars, as well as streamlines the issues of movement, parking and charging

Llentab Group from Sweden builds warehouse in Kyiv region

Llentab Group of Companies (Sweden), designer and manufacturer of multifunctional steel buildings, has completed building of the warehouse premises with a total area of 5,500 square meters in town of Baryshivka in Kyiv region. As the company reported on its website, the premises was built for the Dutch HatchTech incubation equipment producer. The warehouse is equipped with gates and reloading platforms with dock shelters.

The Llentab Group designs, manufactures and markets multifunctional steel buildings for a wide range of industries and purposes.

The parent company Llentab AB is headquartered in Kungshamn, Sweden. Llentab is currently present in seven European countries. LLENTAB operates in Sweden, Norway, Germany, Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Ukraine.

River Mall shopping and entertainment center opens in Kyiv

Vilna Ukraine news agency LLC (Kyiv), owned by the former owners of Aval Bank, on August 8 opened the new River Mall shopping and entertainment center with a total area of 140,000 square meters at 12 Dniprovska Embankment in Darnytsky district of Kyiv.

According to Colliers International (Ukraine), an exclusive broker of the shopping and entertainment center, its concept was developed by the Archpassage Ukraine architectural group together with the international architectural company ChapmanTaylor.

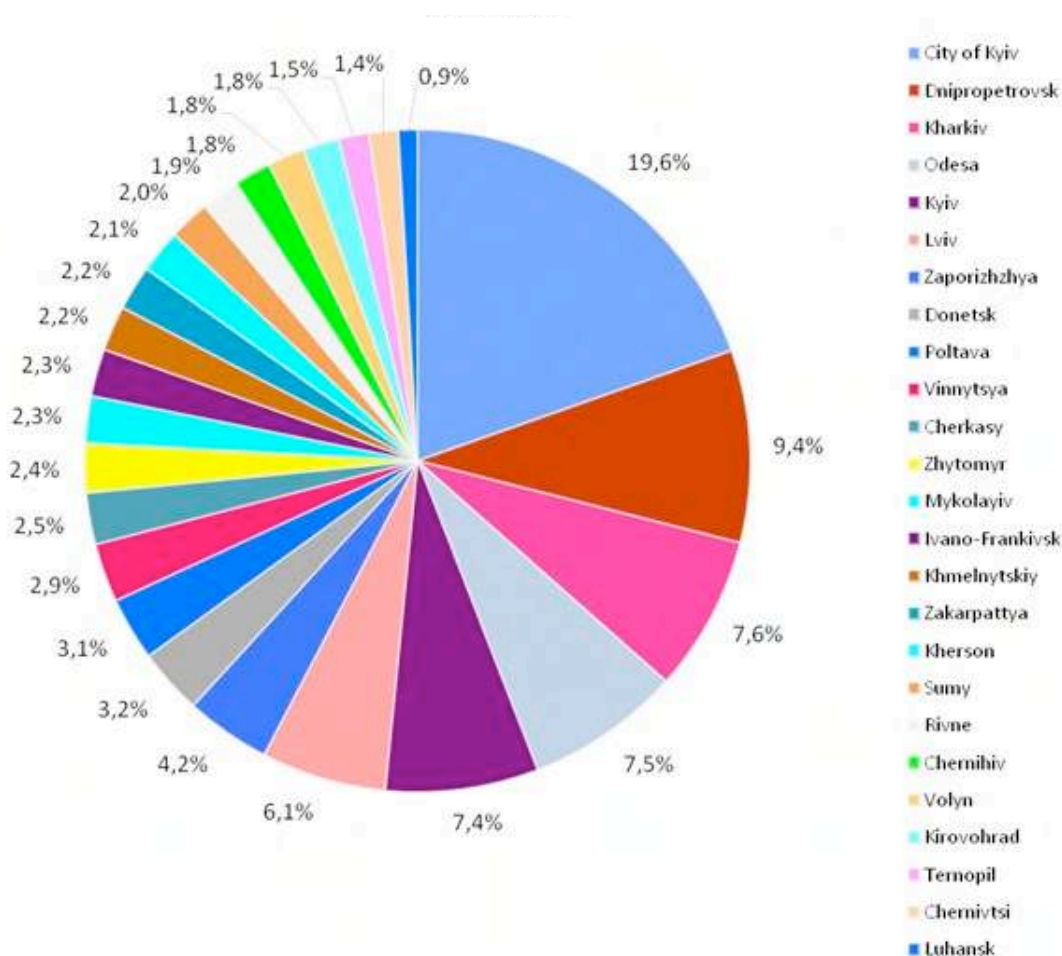


The rental area of the mall is 64,000 square meters. The complex includes a shopping center (55,500 sq m), multi-level ground and underground parking lots for 1,550 cars, as well as a business center and an aqua park. The co-owner of the mall, Serhiy Vovchenko, earlier told Interfax-Ukraine the opening of the water park is planned for summer 2020.

The Planet Kino cinema with an IMAX hall began operating in River Mall on August 1.

River Mall consists of five levels: three on the ground, with shops, a cinema and a food court, and two underground with a parking lot and a supermarket.

Structure of retail trade in regions in Jan–June, 2019



Ukraine increases import of cheeses to \$47.79 mln

International markets positively responded to the results of early elections to the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine: eurobonds grew by 1 percentage point (p.p.), warrants by 2 p.p., up to 77.5% of the nominal value, Serhiy Fursa, a specialist for the sale of debt securities from Dragon Capital investment company, has told Interfax-Ukraine.



Imports of cheese in January-July 2019 totaled 10,380 tonnes, which was 1.6 times more than in January-July last year. The imports in monetary terms increased 46.2%, to \$47.79 million.

According to him, Western investors like the idea of consolidating power in the same hands: at least, this means an end to political instability, and also gives a chance for quick pro-Western reforms. The analyst added that foreigners are not very afraid of the risk of usurpation of power: the situation when one political force forms a government looks familiar and acceptable for Western countries.

Ukraine approves mandatory requirements for honey to come in force in 2020



The Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine has approved mandatory requirements for honey, which will come in force in six months, on February 6, 2020. According to a report on the ministry's website, its order No. 330 dated June 19, 2019 and officially published on August 6 harmonizes Ukrainian legislation with European legislation regarding honey requirements. The document will improve the regulatory framework for the labeling, production and sale of honey.

The ministry said that voluntary application of the approved requirements is envisaged until January 1, 2023, which will allow market operators to prepare for new requirements.

The document divides honey by origin into nectar (flower) and honeydew, by the method of production into honeycomb, honeycombs in honey, honey, centrifugalized and pressed honey.

New requirements for organic production circulation take effect in Ukraine

A law "On basic principles and requirements for organic production, circulation and labeling of organic products" came into force on August 2.

The law, in particular, meant to improve the legal regulation of organic production in Ukraine and bring it into line with the EU legislation, Agrarian Policy and Food Ministry of Ukraine reported on its website.



"Ukrainian domestic organic products are becoming more popular in the foreign markets: over the past few years our state has become an important supplier of the organic products to the western markets, being ranked the fourth among the exporters of the organic products to the EU countries," the ministry said.

Besides, the lawmakers envisaged a mechanism for certification of the organic production. If the organic goods put up for sale without a respective certificate, sellers of such production will have to pay fines in amount of five to eight of minimum wages, reads a report on the ministry's website.

According to new law, the State Service of Ukraine on Food Safety and Consumer Protection will be a supervisor of organic production in Ukraine.

Ukrainian Grain Association predicts growth in grain, oilseeds production in Ukraine to 95.2 mln tonnes



The Ukrainian Grain Association (UGA) in its August forecast predicts growth in grain and oilseeds production in the country in the 2019/20 agricultural year to 95.2 million tonnes (the previous forecast had 94.7 million tonnes), and exports – to 58.2 million tonnes (56.9 million tonnes).

According to the information on the association's website, in the context of crops, changes relate to: wheat production is projected at 27.7 million tonnes (against 28.9 million tonnes in the previous forecast), exports – 21 million tonnes (20 million tonnes); barley production – 8.6 million tonnes (8.4 million tonnes), exports – 4.7 million tonnes (4.9 million tonnes); corn production – 34.5 million tonnes (32.2 million tonnes), export – 27 million tonnes (26 million tonnes).

As reported, the Ministry of Agricultural Policy and Food of Ukraine predicts an increase in the grain harvest in 2019 under favorable conditions up to 70.8 million tonnes compared with 70.1 million tonnes in 2018.

Starting from new 2019/2020 marketing year Ukraine exports 5.6 mln tonnes of grain

Ukraine exported 5.602 million tonnes of grain and leguminous crops from July 1, 2019, when the new 2019/2020 marketing year started, to August 15, 2019. Some 1.65 million tonnes of maize, 2.53 million tonnes of wheat, 1.42 million tonnes of barley were exported over the period, the Ukrainian Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food said. Over the same period of the pervious marketing year, Ukraine exported 3.961 million tonnes of grain and leguminous crops. As of August 15, 2019, farmers shipped 34,100 tonnes of flour abroad.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in August reviewed upwards its forecast for grain exports by 2.65 million tonnes compared with the July forecast, to 54.04 million tonnes.

Ukraine exports sunflower oil worth \$2.6 bln in Jan-July 2019



Ukraine exported 3.8 million tonnes of sunflower oil worth \$2.6 billion, which is 16% higher than the same period in 2018, the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food said. Supplies of soybean oil increased by 81% over this period, to 238,000 tonnes, the ministry said in a press releaes.



“Now farmers haven't started harvesting sunflower seeds and soybeans yet, but the forecasts are rather optimistic. A reduction in areas under these crops by 4.4% in the case of sunflower seeds and 8% in soybeans was balanced by favorable weather conditions,” the ministry said.

As reported, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) predicts growth in vegetable oil exports from Ukraine by 250,000 tonnes, to 6.3 million tonnes at the expense of sunflower oil in the 2019/20 marketing year (MY, September-August) whose share in total oil exports may reach 5.85 million tonnes (data for August 2019).

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