



President of United States signs law on Lend-Lease for Ukraine



On Monday, May 9, US President Joseph Biden signed Law S. 3522 “The Lend-Lease Act for the Defense of Democracy in Ukraine of 2022”.

White House spokeswoman Angela Perez announced this on Twitter.

The description of the document on the website of Congress says that this law will give the US administration the right to provide military equipment to Ukraine and other countries of Eastern Europe during the 2023 fiscal year.

The bill was previously passed in the Senate and the US House of Representatives.

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EU proposes to suspend for 1 year collection of import duties on all Ukrainian exports

The European Commission (EC) has proposed to suspend for one year the collection of import duties on all Ukrainian exports to the European Union, the EC communiqué said.



“I discussed with President Zelensky ways to support the economy, in addition to the macro-financial assistance and grants that we provide. We both agree on the critical importance of a quick and wide suspension of import duties to boost the economy of Ukraine,” European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen was quoted in the message.

According to her, the suspension of duties “will greatly facilitate the export of Ukrainian industrial and agricultural goods to the EU.” She promised continued economic assistance to Kyiv.

The EC proposal also provides for the suspension for one year of all EU anti-dumping and safeguard measures in force against Ukrainian steel exports. This move, explained in Brussels, is designed to help increase Ukraine’s exports to the EU, which will alleviate the plight of Ukrainian producers and exporters in the current situation in the country.



Size of new aid package proposed by US President to Ukraine increases from \$33 bln to \$39.8 bln after discussions

The size of the new aid package proposed by US President Joe Biden to Ukraine has grown from \$33 billion to \$39.8 billion to date after discussions, Ukrainian Ambassador to the US Oksana Markarova said on Facebook after meetings with senators on Tuesday.

According to her, at the invitation of the leader of the Republican Party Mitch McConnell, she met with 45 senators from this party and at the invitation of Majority Leader Chuck Schumer – with 44 senators from the Democratic Party, whom she briefed on the current state of Ukraine’s struggle against Russian aggression and the urgent need for continued defense and US financial support.

Markarova noted that Ukraine expects the Congress to consider the new aid package proposed by the US President as soon as possible.

She added that also during the meeting, she thanked Senators Lindsey Graham (Republican) and Richard Blumenthal (Democratic) for the resolution on recognizing the Russian Federation as a state sponsor of terrorism.



Ukrainian macro summary of 2021 and beginning of 2022

Ukraine's losses from destruction due to a full-scale war against Russia amount to at least \$100 billion, the war has led to a complete shutdown of half of Ukrainian enterprises, Oleh Ustenko, adviser to the President of Ukraine, said. As of March 7, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) predicted a fall in Ukraine's GDP in 2022 as a result of Russia's armed aggression, provided that it ends as soon as possible, by 10% and inflation rises to 20%.

The financial gap of Ukraine in 2022 is estimated from \$4.8 billion according to the balance of payments method to \$7.4 billion according to the fiscal balance method, such estimates were given by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) as of March 7 in materials for emergency financing for Ukraine in the amount of \$1.4 billion posted on its website.

“ *The International Monetary Fund (IMF) calculation methodology, which takes into account such military conflicts, estimates the fall in GDP due to Russia's full-scale war against Ukraine at 35% in 2022, Alternate Executive Director for Ukraine at the IMF Vladislav Rashkovan has said.*



The Ministry of Economy estimates the amount of losses from the Russian invasion of Ukraine at \$564.9 billion, First Deputy Prime Minister and Economy Minister Yulia Svyrydenko has said.

The fall in Ukraine's gross domestic product (GDP) as a result of full-scale Russian military aggression is currently estimated at 35% or more, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said in an interview with Interfax-Ukraine.

Ukraine's losses from Russia's full-scale military aggression, taking into account both the destruction already inflicted on the infrastructure and economy, and future losses in subsequent years, exceed \$1 trillion, Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal said.

The transport enterprises of Ukraine (excluding the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and Sevastopol, as well as part of the JFO zone) in 2021 increased transportation of goods by 3.3% compared to 2020 – up to 619.9 million tonnes, the State Statistics Service reported.

Production of grains and oilseeds in 2022 in Ukraine is preliminary estimated at 53.3 million tonnes, which is 51% lower than the previous season's record, due to the Russian military invasion and ongoing hostilities, this year's harvest may be minimum for the last 10-15 years.

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According to the UN, the war in Ukraine claimed the lives of at least 3,541 civilians, 3,785 were injured

Civilian casualties from February 24, when Russia started the war against Ukraine, to 24:00 on May 11 amounted to 7,326 civilians (a day earlier – 7,256), including 3,541 dead (3,496), reports the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) on Thursday.

“OHCHR believes that the actual figures are much higher as information is delayed from some areas of heavy fighting and many reports are still awaiting confirmation,” the UN data document notes.



According to him, this applies, for example, to Mariupol (Donetsk region), Izyum (Kharkiv region) and Popasna (Luhansk region), where there are reports of numerous civilian casualties. They are subject to further verification and are not included in the above statistics.

“The majority of civilian deaths or injuries were caused by the use of explosive devices with a wide area of effect, including shelling from heavy artillery and multiple launch rocket systems, as well as rocket and air strikes,” the report says.

According to confirmed UN data, 1,300 men, 844 women, 93 boys and 77 girls died, while the sex of 69 children and 1,158 adults has not yet been determined.

Johnson announces another military aid package for Ukraine

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson in an address to the Verkhovna Rada announced the provision of assistance to Kyiv for GBP 300 million, MPs say.

“Boris Johnson appealed to the Verkhovna Rada. Volodymyr Zelensky answered him and spoke to the Verkhovna Rada for the first time since the beginning of the war,” Oleksiy Honcharenko, a deputy of the European Solidarity faction, wrote in his Telegram channel, noting that Johnson announced a new military aid package, including missiles and counter-battery radars.

In turn, a member of the Holos faction, Yaroslav Zhelezniak, specified that Johnson announced the provision of new weapons and protective equipment for GBP300 million, including “radar for anti-artillery.”

Earlier, the office of the British prime minister reported that London intends to provide Ukraine with military assistance for another GBP300 million (\$375 million).



Ukraine wants to expand export via Romania

Prime Minister Denys Shmyhal has discussed with Romanian Prime Minister Nicolae Ciucă the possibility of expanding export and transit corridors through Romania, as well as using additional facilities of Romanian seaports.



“We discussed the possibility of expanding the already established export corridors, transit corridors through the territory of Romania, as well as using the additional capabilities of Romanian seaports and checkpoints between our countries,” Shmyhal said at a joint briefing with Ciucă.

The parties also discussed the process of restoring the settlements of Ukraine affected by the war, and also discussed the participation of Romania in such projects. In addition, the prime ministers discussed cooperation between countries in the energy sector, economy, business and transit potential.

5 Ukrainian scientific institutions and 1 university were included in Global 2000 list from Center for World University Rankings

Five Ukrainian scientific institutions and one university were included in the Global 2000 list of the Center for World University Rankings (CWUR), Minister of Education and Science Serhiy Shkarlet said.

“The Center for World University Rankings (CWUR) has released the list of institutions for 2022-2023. Almost 20 thousand institutions were included in the rating, and the best of them were included in the Global 2000 list. It is very pleasant that five powerful Ukrainian scientific institutions and one university were included in the list of the best in the world,” Shkarlet wrote in the Telegram channel.

It is noted that among them is the Kharkov Institute of Physics and Technology (1120), which was under fire from Russian invaders in March and bravely stood up, protecting Ukraine and the whole world from an environmental disaster.

Also included in the rating is the Institute of Scintillation Materials of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (1898), whose scientists are actively involved in major international projects on high energy physics in the USA, Japan and Europe.

In addition, the rating includes the Institute for Nuclear Research (1709), the Institute of Cybernetics named after V.M. Glushkov (1740), Institute of Theoretical Physics named after N. N. Bogolyubov (1899) and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (1472).



Adonis doesn't stop working since late Feb, resumes work of clinics – CEO

Since the end of February, Adonis Medical Group has not stopped working, and is currently resuming the work of clinics, Adonis general director Vitaliy Hyrin told Interfax-Ukraine.

He said that during this time the clinic branches in Podil and Sofiyivska Borschahivka, as well as emergency ambulances, worked around the clock.

In addition, from April 8, the maternity hospital of the network resumed work on the left bank.

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“On May 9, we plan to open a maternity hospital on the right bank at the Shalimov branch. Currently, all branches are operating, except for the maternity hospital in Buzova, which was significantly damaged by shelling, as well as the branch in Bucha,” general director Vitaliy Hyrin said.

Hyryn noted a significant increase in the number of requests for medical help in recent years.

“In early March, there was a strong decline, but from mid-March and in April, the number of visits to Adonis clinics increased by 2.5 times and continues to grow,” he said.

According to Hyryn, the main specialties for patients are gynecology, pregnancy management, childbirth, prenatal and general ultrasound, sampling, pediatrics and therapy.

He also said that a significant number of Adonis patients are not located in Kyiv and are being consulted online.

Adonis is a network of private medical centers for adults and children founded over 20 years ago. It includes 12 branches in Kyiv and the region, including two own maternity hospitals and a stem cell laboratory.

In the branches of the clinic, doctors treat patients in 66 medical specialties.

German “Henkel” resumes work of two of its four plants in Ukraine

Henkel, an international company headquartered in Dusseldorf, Germany, has announced the resumption of two of its four factories in Ukraine.

According to a press release, the decision to resume production of the international company Henkel in Ukraine is made by the local leadership of Henkel Ukraine, based on the current military-operational situation.

The plant in the Lviv region, which specializes in the production of building mixtures of the Ceresit brand, was the first to resume operations.

Soon Henkel plans to resume the activities of the company's plant in Vyshgorod, Kyiv region.

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In total, Henkel Bautechnik (Ukraine) manages four factories in the country for the production of building mixtures. The company has suspended the work of all production facilities since the beginning of the war – on February 24, 2022.



At the moment, the work of two other production facilities is impossible, since they are located on the territories of Ukraine temporarily occupied by Russian troops in the Kharkiv and Kherson regions.

As noted in the release, to support its employees and their families, Henkel has fully maintained the payment of wages, even despite the temporary suspension of production.

In the early days of the war, Henkel launched a solidarity aid program worth more than EUR1 million, most of which went directly to more than 600 employees as emergency financial assistance. Henkel also provided safe housing for its employees and their families forced to leave Ukraine.

Musk donates Tesla powerwall solar panels to Ukraine

Head of Tesla Inc. Elon Musk, in addition to Starlink satellite Internet stations, donated Tesla Powerwall solar panels to Ukraine.

“Today, two outpatient clinics in Borodianka and Irpin have received Tesla Powerwall solar panels and energy saving systems,” Deputy Prime Minister – Minister of Digital Transformation of Ukraine Mykhailo Fedorov said on Telegram.



According to him, these solar panels and generators have become very popular in America.

“The Powerwall energy system has high autonomy and provides backup power in case of power outages. This ultra-modern equipment will help Ukrainians in the areas most affected by the Russian occupation,” Fedorov stressed.

Import of fuel to Ukraine from EU triples

Ukraine, with the help of Western partners, has managed to significantly increase fuel imports from EU countries, as a result, in May the country will receive 350,000 tonnes of fuel via completely new logistics routes, the Ministry of Economy has said on its website.

“In March-April 2022, measures were introduced that made it possible to increase the daily volume of fuel imports from the EU from 4,000 tonnes to 12,000 tonnes per day,” the ministry said.



Among the measures taken that ensured such growth, the Ministry of Economy named the abolition of entry permits for tankers to deliver fuel to Ukraine, ensuring the ability to receive fuel in the ports of the Danube, adjusting the mechanism for price regulation of the cost of fuel and extraordinary clearance of fuel at the borders by customs and border guards.



In addition, customs launched a separate green lane for fuel trucks from Poland, which will potentially increase the pass from 110 to 200 trucks per day.

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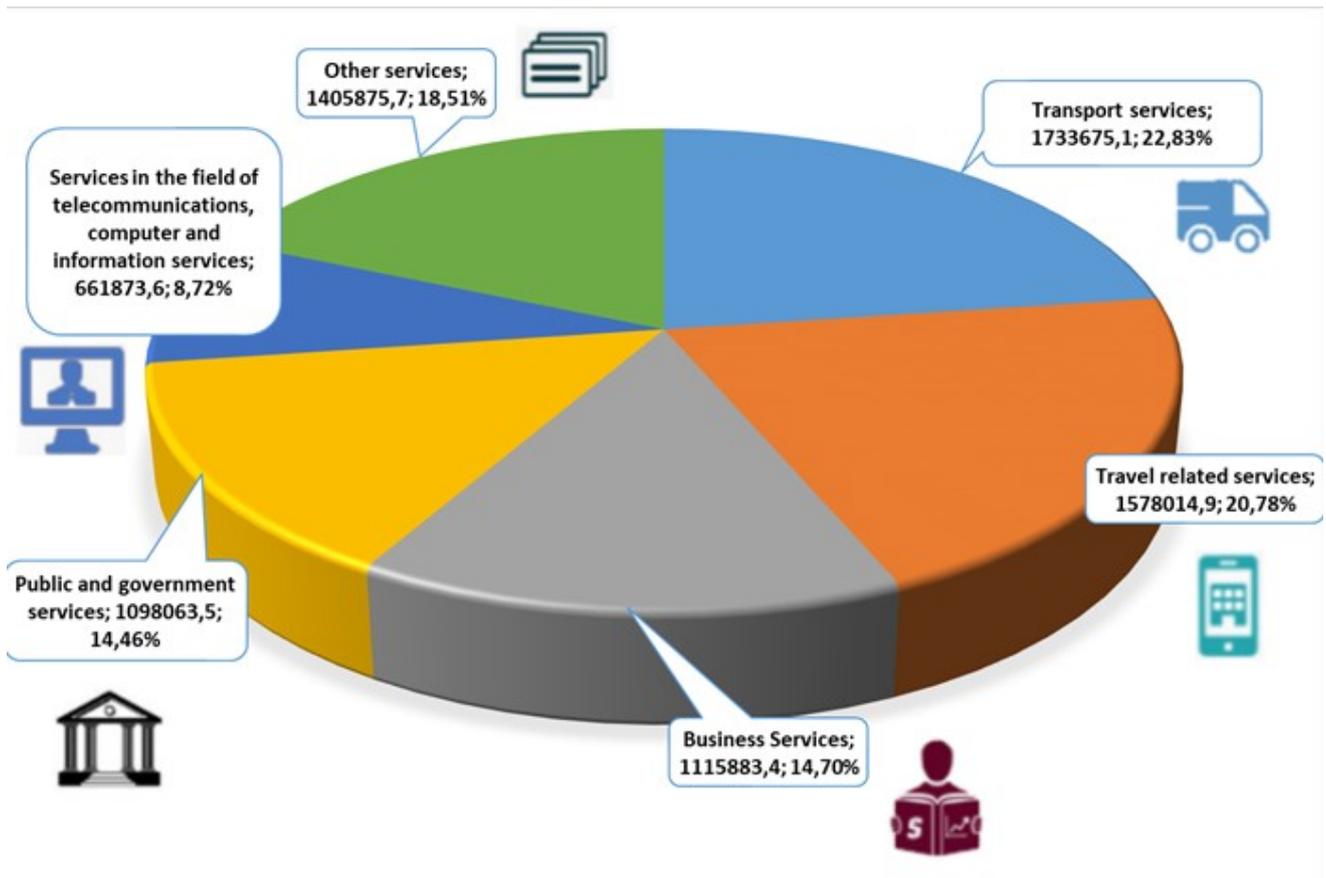
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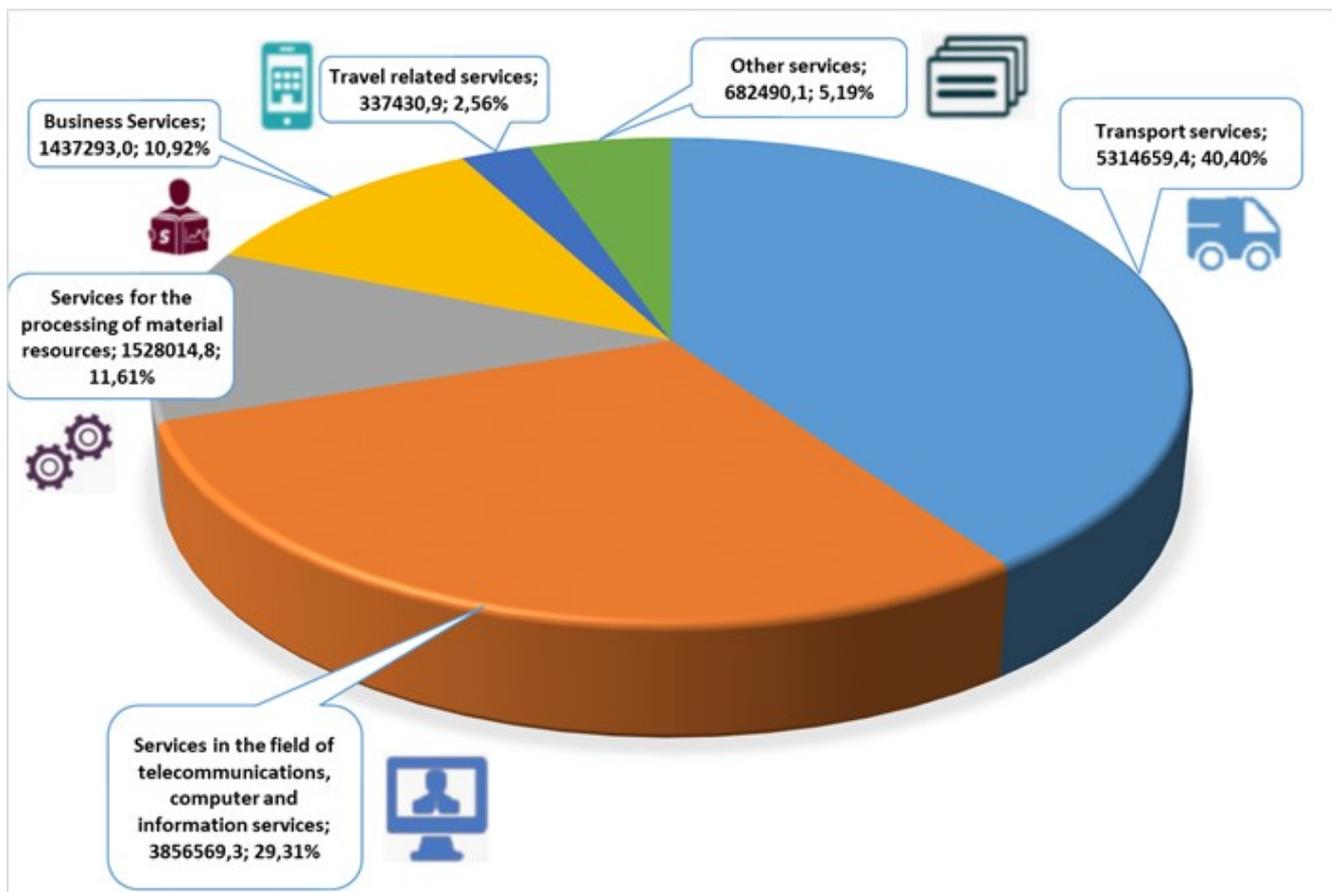
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Structure of import of services in 2021



Structure of export of services in 2021 (graphically)



Metinvest plans to invest in metallurgy in Ukraine

Metinvest mining and metallurgical group will continue the implementation of investment projects in metallurgy, in particular, at Kametstal plant, created at the facilities of Dniprovsky Metallurgical Plant (Kamyanske, Dnipropetrovsk region).

“In March, Kametstal was the only metal producer in the country. In April, we managed to withdraw from hot conservation and resume production at Zaporizhstal. Metallurgy was one of the key industries in Ukraine in peacetime, and during the war it became a significant source of filling budgets at all levels, which is extremely important for our economy, so we will continue to implement investment projects in production, because the restoration of our country is ahead,” CEO of Metinvest Yuriy Ryzhenkov said during a visit to Kametstal steel plant.

According to him, it will be necessary to rebuild the infrastructure of Ukraine – bridges, roads, buildings.

“For all this, metal is very necessary. And it is precisely in this that the role of Kametstal cannot be overestimated,” he said.

Earlier, the general director of Kametstal, Dmytro Lippa, reported that the enterprise was working and is working with 100% capacity utilization.

US suspends 25% duty on Ukrainian steel for 12 months

The United States will temporarily suspend the 25% duty on Ukrainian steel imposed by President Trump under Section 232 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 for 12 months, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina M. Raimondo said.

“*“For steel mills to continue to be an economic lifeline for the people of Ukraine, they must be able to export their steel. Today’s announcement is a signal to the Ukrainian people that we are committed to helping them stand up in the face of Putin’s aggression,” the minister said on the ministry’s website.*”

The report states that each of the 13 Ukrainians is employed in the steel industry of Ukraine, and their work is well paid.

“We are talking about stopping the 25% tariffs imposed in 2018 by the Trump administration,” Yulia Sviridenko, First Deputy Prime Minister and Economy Minister, commented on the decision of the US Department of Commerce.

Ferrexpo increases capital investments by 75% in 2021 in Ukraine

British Ferrexpo plc, which controls in Ukraine, in particular, Poltava and Yeristovo mining and processing plants, increased capital investments by 75.2% in 2021 compared to 2020, to \$361 million from \$206 million.

According to an annual report released by the company on Tuesday, in 2021, the capital investment per tonne of produced products was \$160/tonne, while in 2020 this figure was \$109/tonne.

At the same time, it is specified that last year, following the projects to increase the capacity of the processing plant (in 2020), the company began to modernize and increase the capacity of its granulator (pelletizer).

Of the \$361 million, maintenance and capital expenditures for modernization totaled \$113 million in 2021 (2020 – \$103 million), including investments in all of Ferrexpo’s core business units. At the same time, investments were directed to the group’s concentrator and granulator, including an increase in capacity – the costs amounted to \$111 million (in 2020 – \$34.3 million). In addition, Poltava Mining has invested \$34 million in a press filtration plant, which is scheduled for completion in 2022.

Additional capex areas are stripping for \$69 million in 2021 (2020 – \$14 million) and \$6 million invested in infrastructure, development and exploration of the Belanovo field (Belanovo Mining), Haleschynske and Pivnichne fields (2020 – \$6 million).

Austrian HEAD Group resumes construction of plant in Ukraine

The Austrian company HEAD Group has resumed the construction of a plant in the industrial park (IP) "Winter Sport", Deputy Mayor of Vinnytsia Andriy Ocheretny said.

"Today we visited a construction site. On the territory of the industrial park, builders resumed foundation work and are building a temporary reinforced concrete shelter for safety during air raids. They plan to complete the construction of foundations by the end of June this year," Ocheretny wrote on Facebook.

He recalled that according to the project, the plant will include production and storage facilities, an administrative building, a sewing workshop. The production building will house workshops for the manufacture of skis, boots and bindings, as well as warehouses for raw materials and finished products.

As reported, at the beginning of this year, HEAD Group received permission from the State Inspectorate for Architecture and Urban Planning of Ukraine to begin construction of the Head Vinnitsa plant on the territory of Winter Sport.

The total area of industrial premises will be 43 thousand square meters.

“ The company plans to invest about EUR80 million in the creation of production, administrative and storage facilities. It is expected that the plant will be one of the largest plants of the company in the world and will provide jobs for more than 1,200 residents of Vinnitsa.

The total area of the industrial park "Winter Sport" is 25 hectares. The start of construction of the plant took place in May 2021.

Head International Holding GmbH manufactures sports equipment for winter sports, tennis and scuba diving. The company's production facilities are located in Austria, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, China. The company is present in 85 countries around the world.

Production of ŠKODA cars in Ukraine will resume in June

The Eurocar plant (Solomonovo, Transcarpathian region) will resume production of ŠKODA cars from June this year, which was suspended with the start of Russia's military aggression in Ukraine, the company's press service reported.

“ The Eurocar company, the official distributor of ŠKODA cars in Ukraine, announces the resumption of taking orders and production. The Eurocar plant in Transcarpathia will start working again in June,” the distributor's website said.



Prices and configurations of cars available for order are posted on the distributor's website, the official delivery time is up to 280 days, but in fact it will depend on the number of orders in the queue and may be less. Vehicles in stock that were in stock until February 24th are also available for purchase.

"ŠKODA dealerships work depending on the situation in the regions where they are located. The warranty for cars during martial law in Ukraine is maintained in case of untimely completion of scheduled maintenance, provided that the level of technical fluids is observed," the message says.

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Grain harvest in Ukraine this year will be reduced by third – experts

Analysts at Alfa-Bank Ukraine expect a reduction in the grain harvest in 2022 to 56 million tons, which will be the lowest figure in the last 10 years and will mean a decrease of 34% to a record figure for 2021.

“Even this historically small harvest will provide a significant resource of grain for export. Now available transport channels do not make it possible to ship such volumes of marketable products abroad,” commented the head of the analytical department Alexei Blinov in the bank’s report.

It is indicated that the assessment of the future harvest is based on calculations of the sown area in the zone of occupation or active hostilities, as well as the current dynamics of the sown area in the territories controlled by Ukraine. Analysts at Alfa-Bank Ukraine also expect some reduction in yields due to lack of fertilizers and plant protection products.

“The key to Ukraine’s agricultural exports, and this is the food security of the world, should be the lifting of the blockade of Ukrainian seaports,” Blinov stressed.

Ukraine removed number of food products from list of critical imports, while new products were added to list – full list

Milk, yogurt, butter, flour confectionery and a number of other food products have been removed from the list of critical imports, which at the same time has new positions: farm animals, cut flowers, yeast, planting material and other agricultural products.



Thus, non-condensed milk and cream are no longer critical imports to Ukraine; butter and other fats from milk; milk pastes; prepared foods from cereals, flour, starch or milk; flour confectionery prepared without the addition of vinegar or acetic acid vegetables (except nuts preserved in sugar).

Tomatoes, yogurt, potato starch and peanuts are also removed from the list.

In turn, the list of critical imports includes live farm animals (cattle, pigs, sheep and goats), products of animal origin (caeveta and musk; bile, including dry bile), as well as glands and other products of animal origin used to make pharmaceuticals.

The list dated May 3 was replenished with live plants for further cultivation: seedlings, cuttings and rootstocks, bulbs, tubers, roots and rhizomes that are in a state of vegetative dormancy, vegetation or flowering. Also on the list were mushroom mycelium; trees, bushes and shrubs with edible fruits or nuts, cut flowers, parts of plants and buds for bouquets or ornamental purposes.

In addition, critical imports are expanded by hop cones, yeast (active or inactive), prepared baking powders, glycerine, cocoa-containing finished products and cocoa waste, refined and unrefined olive oil, roasted malt.

As reported, the proposal to exclude dairy products from the list of critical imports was submitted in April by the Union of Dairy Enterprises of Ukraine association. According to her, since the beginning of the military invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine, 60-65% of the country’s milk processing enterprises have already resumed work, and the current volumes of their production are able to provide the Ukrainian market.

After the start of Russia’s military aggression on February 24, the government on the same day, by decree No. 153, determined a list of critical import goods, for the purchase of which the National Bank of Ukraine allows buying foreign currency. Since then, the government has changed this list more than 10 times.

According to the NBU, by mid-April, the list of critical import goods covered about 88% of all imports to Ukraine in 2021. At the same time, the National Bank does not yet call for abandoning it, since this list also contains services that are more difficult to analyze and account for.

Owner of TM Voda UA, gives forecast about consumer changes in mineral water market

Due to the armed invasion of the Russian Federation into Ukraine and the shutdown of part of the country's economy, a decrease in the welfare and purchasing power of the population is expected, due to which, in particular, consumers of high-mountain water will switch to cheaper bottled water, while consumers of bottled water will mainly switch to filtered tap water.

Dmitry Nikiforov, the owner and founder of AT Market LLC (Kyiv), engaged in bottling high-mountain Carpathian water under the trademarks Voda UA, Goryanka, Karpatska Vysokogyrna, told Interfax-Ukraine about the inevitable narrowing and decline of the water market.



“Narrowing and shrinking of the market will occur, because we objectively understand that the well-being and purchasing power of people are declining, and the consumer will save as much as possible on all consumer goods,” Dmitry Nikiforov said.



“A priori, our water cannot be cheap. This is Carpathian water, which, by definition, will be more expensive than all the others, thanks to the logistics and complexity of its production. We work in the “medium plus” segment, and it will sag significantly. This is inevitable,” stated Nikiforov. As reported with reference to the new forecast of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, the fall in Ukraine's GDP in 2022 will be 30%. If large-scale efforts of the world community to restore the country's economy take place, next year its economy is expected to grow by 25%. In March, the EBRD estimated this decline at 20% with an increase of 23% in 2023.

Canada may replace Belarus in Ukrainian fertilizer market

After Canada cancels import duties on Ukrainian goods for a year, Canadian potash fertilizers may become the main ones in the Ukrainian market and thereby replace Belarusian ones, which have not been imported to Ukraine since the beginning of Russia's armed aggression.

The possible role of Canada in the Ukrainian market of potash fertilizers was reported by the Ukrainian Agribusiness Club (UCAB) on Facebook on Thursday.

The report states that Canada is the world's largest producer and exporter of potash fertilizers. This country produces about 12 million tonnes of such fertilizers, thus occupying 24% of world production. At the same time, in 2021, Ukraine imported 287,500 tonnes of potash fertilizers, of which 69% came from Belarus, while its own production in the country is practically not developed.

“Therefore, Ukrainian farmers need to look for alternative suppliers, and Canada may become one of them. The abolition of import duties may become an additional factor, as it will increase the competitiveness of Ukrainian agricultural products in the Canadian market. Ukraine will be able to purchase potash fertilizers in Canada, in turn, sending its agricultural products, which are in abundance in the Ukrainian market, by the same transport,” the association said in the statement.

Canada imported 2.8 million tonnes of corn, 1.2 million tonnes of sunflower meal, and 0.5 million tonnes of soybeans in 2021, according to UCAB. It is these positions that Ukraine can supply to the Canadian market through the seaports of the Baltic countries.

KSG Agro increases net profit by 16 times in 2021

Agroholding KSG Agro in 2021 increased its net profit by 16 times compared to 2020 – up to \$20.27 million, EBITDA doubled – up to \$12.28 million.

According to the holding's report on the Warsaw Stock Exchange website on Monday, its revenue for the specified period increased by 44% to \$30.75 million.

KSG Agro for the reporting period doubled its gross profit – up to \$12.95 million, operating profit – one and a half times, up to \$10.63 million.

“*The past year, thanks to our efficient work and a number of circumstances, was successful for us. Thanks to the right selection of technologies and favorable weather conditions, our crop yields set a record for the last 10 years. In the pig segment, we received good intermediate results from our long-term project for the renewal of the pig population sows of Canadian genetics Genesis*”, – commented on the results of the holding's work, the head of its board of directors *Sergey Kasyanov*.

According to the report, the working capital of the agricultural producer by December 31, 2021 increased by 9.5 times compared to December 31, 2020 – from \$1.1 million to \$10.6 million.

Last year, the agricultural holding increased profits in the crop segment by 2.2 times compared to 2020, to \$18.3 million, while in the livestock sector it increased by 9%, to \$11.2 million.

Ukraine lifts ban on export of sugar and millet

The Government of Ukraine has canceled the ban (in the form of zero quotas) imposed on March 5 this year on the export of sugar and millet.

According to the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers No. 549 dated May 7, sugar and millet are now included in the list of goods whose export is subject to licensing.

Earlier, the All-Ukrainian Agrarian Rada (VAR) proposed to the government to allow the export of millet, setting its quota of 80 thousand tons, since there is an excess of this crop in the country.

VAR referred to the data of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy for February 2022, according to which in Ukraine in the 2021/2022 marketing year (MY, July-June) 182 thousand tons of millet were produced, the carryover balance from 2020/2021 MY amounted to 18 thousand tons, while the average domestic consumption of millet in the country does not exceed 80 thousand tons, and export expectations for MY 2021-2022 – 80 thousand tons.

In addition, as of April 21, 2022, 4.8 thousand hectares of millet have already been sown in Ukraine, which is significantly more than on the corresponding date in 2021 – 0.9 thousand hectares.

This is the second such decision to lift the export ban. Previously, on April 10, it was replaced by licensing for live bovine animals (UKTVED code 0102), frozen bovine meat (code 0202) and meat and edible meat offal, salted or in brine, dried or smoked; edible flour from meat or meat by-products: cattle meat (code 021020).



Experts: Ukrainian farmers to increase their presence in UK markets of poultry, walnuts, honey, berries and peas

The cancellation by the UK of all duties and quotas on products from Ukraine to support it in the face of a military invasion by the Russian Federation may allow Ukrainian farmers to increase their presence in the UK markets of poultry meat, walnuts, honey, cranberries, blueberries and peas.

The list of high-margin agricultural products that Ukraine could supply to the UK at a time when the export of its traditional agricultural raw materials is blocked by the aggressor country of the Russian Federation was published on the website of the Ukrainian Agribusiness Club (UCAB) on Wednesday evening.

According to the results of 2021, agricultural products worth \$553 million were exported from Ukraine to the UK, including sunflower oil (31% of export earnings), rapeseed (28%) and corn (24%). However, the supply of traditional agricultural crops in 2022 is difficult due to the naval blockade of Ukraine by Russian warships, as a result of which the country can potentially increase the export of a number of other agricultural products by road.

The export of walnuts without shells is also promising. The volume of its export in 2021 was 0700 tonnes. The share of Ukraine of UK imports is 6%. Main competitors: the United States, Germany, and China.

According to the UCAB, Ukrainian farmers can increase honey exports to the UK (800 tonnes were delivered in 2021). The share of Ukraine of UK imports is 1%. Main competitors: China, Poland, and Mexico.

The export of cranberries and blueberries is also promising (supplies in 2021 – 200 tonnes). The share of Ukraine of UK imports is 0.3%. Main competitors: Spain, Peru, and Chile.

Ukraine exported 4,900 tonnes of peas to the UK in 2021, which amounted to 12% of the UK market in 2021. At the same time, Russia is Ukraine's main competitor in this market, which, taking into account the economic sanctions imposed against it, adds an advantage to Ukrainian suppliers.

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