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Council of the European Union fully liberalizes trade with Ukraine for one year



The Council of the European Union (EU) has adopted a regulation allowing for temporary trade liberalisation and other trade concessions with regard to certain Ukrainian products.

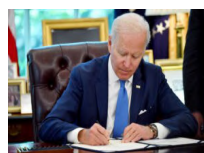
"We proposed it as a temporary measure, and it will make it easier for Ukraine to continue trading in the face of Russia's aggression and will provide overall support to the Ukrainian economy," Executive Deputy Chairman of the European Commission Valdis Dombrovskis said, commenting on the decision adopted by the EU Council.

The decision will suspend tariffs, which are still in place under the 2017 the Association Agreement between the EU and Ukraine establishing a deep and comprehensive free trade area (DCFTA), which liberalized much of the trade.

The suspension covers notably: industrial products subject to duty phase out by the end of 2022, fruits and vegetables subject to the entry-price system, and agricultural products and processed agricultural products subject to tariff-rate quotas, the collection of anti-dumping duties on imports originating in Ukraine, and the application of the common rules for imports with respect of imports originating in Ukraine.

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U.S. President Joe Biden signs \$40 bln bill for Ukraine

On Saturday, U.S. President Joe Biden signed a bill approved by the Congress to appropriate \$40 billion for Ukraine, the White House press service has reported.

“On Saturday, May 21, 2022, the President signed into law H.R. 7691, the “Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022,” the press service said in a statement posted on the White House’s official website.

“Additional Ukraine Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022” provides supplemental emergency appropriations for fiscal year 2022 to Federal agencies to respond to the situation in, and for assistance to, Ukraine.

Before the war, Ukrainian economy showed growth in several key indicators – Club of Experts

In its new video, the YouTube channel “Club of Experts” analyzed the situation in the Ukrainian economy before the start of the Russian aggression. As you know, the State Statistics Service of Ukraine has temporarily suspended the publication of statistical information for the period of martial law, as well as for three months from the moment it ends. The exception is the publication of data on the consumer price index, separate information on statistical indicators for 2021, as well as for the period January-February 2022.

If we return to the indicators of the beginning of the year, at that time we could talk about economic growth and recovery after the recession caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, says the founder of the Club of Experts, Candidate of Economic Sciences **Maksim Urakin**.



“Officially, the number of unemployed in the country, according to the State Employment Center, as of January 2022, was just over 358,000 people. In this direction, there was a positive trend and the recovery of jobs after the labor market crisis that was caused by the pandemic,” Maksim Urakin explained.

In addition, the expert noted that according to the State Statistics Service, Ukraine’s GDP in 2021 grew by 3.4% after a decline of 3.8% a year earlier. At the same time, there was an increase in industrial production and retail trade within the country.

“Industrial production in Ukraine in 2021 increased by 1.1% after a 5% drop in 2020. At the same time, in 2021, compared to the twentieth, the retail trade turnover increased significantly, by more than ten percent and amounted to more than one trillion four hundred forty-three billion hryvnia,” Urakin added.

All this, according to the founder of the Club of Experts, may indicate that in the pre-war period the country’s economy showed positive indicators of development.

The full video can be viewed on the YouTube channel “Expert Club” at the link:



President of European Commission announces intention to allocate new macro-financial assistance to Ukraine in amount of up to 9 bln euros

President of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen announces her intention to allocate new macro-financial assistance to Ukraine in 2022 in the amount of up to 9 billion euros.

“*“We offer Ukraine a new exceptional macro-financial assistance of up to 9 billion euros in 2022,” she said on Wednesday in Brussels.*”

According to the president of the European Commission, these funds will be allocated for the short term for “existing needs, to support the government, the state budget.”

IT sector brought Ukraine \$6.7 bln in export revenue in 2021, \$2 bln in first quarter of 2022

The Ukrainian IT industry in 2022 will be able to reach the indicators of 2021, provided that the current situation does not change dramatically for the worse, Andriy Yavorsky, Senior Vice President for Strategy and Technology at the Ukrainian IT company GlobalLogic, said.

“*According to him, in 2021, the IT sector, according to the reports of the Ministry of Economy, brought Ukraine about \$6.7 billion in export earnings, and for the first quarter of 2022, according to the IT Association, about \$2 billion, which would show a possible growth in IT -industry by 28-30%, if the aggravation of the military conflict had not begun.*”

“If there was no war, we would expect that each next quarter would be a little more than the previous one, and as a result, this year the IT industry would have to accumulate about \$ 8.5 billion in export earnings (...) Due to the situation With the war, we can assume that the IT business has sunk by 5-10%,” Yavorsky said during an online meeting of the IT Media Club.

He noted that the IT business includes export-oriented and domestic industries, as well as telecom operators. According to him, after the start of active hostilities on the territory of Ukraine, the export IT industry of the country sank by 5%, the domestic one even more, “but it did not account for a very large market share.

“Conventionally, the entire IT industry has fallen by 10 percent. Accordingly, it was \$2 billion – now \$1.7-1.8 billion. If everything remains stable, we do not expect further decline. But it is possible – the flow of new projects is rather weak. If we look pessimistically, the industry will generate about \$7 billion by the end of the year, but I still want to believe that we will make not \$7 billion, but \$7.5 billion,” the top manager summed up.



Ukrainian volunteers face problem of bringing humanitarian aid into country – experts

Ukrainian volunteers are faced with the problem of bringing humanitarian aid into the country, representatives of volunteer organizations have said during a press conference at Interfax-Ukraine on Thursday.

“*“Now there are enough donors on the territory of the European Union who are interested in providing humanitarian aid to Ukraine, but they need the Ukrainian side to take it. Because of this, Ukrainian public organizations refuse humanitarian aid or transfer it to other organizations, as they cannot cover the cost logistics component of the delivery,”*
Head of the Ukrainian Exporters Club Yevhenia Lytvynova said.

Commenting on the transfer of thermal imagers and quadcopters to Ukraine, she noted that such goods require a letter of guarantee from the end user, the author of which can only be a military command body of the Ministry of Defense or another military formation.

“*In turn, Head of the International Technology Transfer Association (ITTA) Artem Honcharenko said that the Ukrainian army today needs medicines, in particular hemostatic drugs, as well as drugs against ulcers, diarrhea, dysbacteriosis, and a runny nose.*

He stressed that there is currently a strong demand for anthelmintic drugs, flea, tick, mosquito and antifungal drugs. In addition, the Ukrainian army requires basic medicines such as paracetamol, ibuprofen, as well as syringes, bandages and elastic bandages.

In turn, Director of the Center of the Academy of Construction of Ukraine Ivan **Perehinets** announced plans to create an international fund Ukraine to finance the construction of houses for people who lost their homes due to the Russian invasion.

“More than a million families were left without housing... We are now in the process of registering the Ukraine International Construction Fund, which will deal with the construction of houses,” Perehinets said.

In turn, Head of the International Relations Department of Kontramarka Help Oleksiy **Honcharov** announced plans to purchase a mobile field hospital.

“We are currently working on a mobile hospital that can drive close enough to the front line, deploy in a matter of minutes and provide full first aid,” Honcharov said.

According to him, such a field hospital was found in Turkey and funds are being collected for its subsequent purchase. The hospital is partly financed by charitable contributions from concerts held, most organized with the support of Kontramarka.

President of the Ukrainian Association of District and Regional Councils Serhiy **Chernov** said that on February 15, based on information from foreign colleagues and Ukrainian intelligence, the association decided to create a coordination center to assist local governments in providing humanitarian assistance, studying all possible consequences of hostilities, and working with religious denominations and preparation of documents “on the destruction caused by the Russian Federation, as well as compensation for losses.”

Restaurateur and volunteer Maryan **Burmylo** announced cooperation with the United States. “Ukrainian volunteers from California organized charitable assistance to medical institutions in Ukraine. Odesa residents Natalia **Hryshenko** and Oleksiy **Buyadzh** (UkrainCA public initiative), with the help of the Mission to Ukraine team, arranged the supply of medicines at the expense of American funds of Cincinnati and Baltimore – sister cities of Ukrainian Kharkiv and Odesa. Aid in the form of the supply of surgical kits is provided by the International Surgical Health Initiative (ISHI, the USA),” he said.

National bank of Ukraine raises discount rate above expectations – from 10% to 25% per annum

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU), in line with market expectations, raised the discount rate by 1,500 basis points to 25% per annum from the current 10%, which is the highest level since the end of August 2015, according to the NBU website.

Production of all Smart-Holding businesses more than halves due to war, but we are alive – CEO at Davos World Economic Forum

The war caused significant damage to all the main businesses of Smart-Holding, one of the largest in Ukraine: the total decline in production in metallurgy, agricultural and gas production exceeds 50%, but the company is alive and will be engaged in recovery in the future, CEO of Smart-Holding Julia Kiryanova has said.

“Throughout our portfolio [of Smart-Holding’s businesses], we see more than 50% down in production. However, there is good news – we are alive. By saying that I do not mean only that we are struggling every day and keep going with all our employees, I am saying that we are looking in the future,” she said at the Spirit of Resilience: Ukrainian Voices panel taking place these days in Davos at the World Economic Forum (WEF).

“When you stop thinking about the future – you are dead. And the enemy wants us dead. So, we are alive!” Kiryanova said.



CEO of Smart-Holding Julia Kiryanova said that in 2021, the mining and smelting complex produced 23.5 million tonnes of steel products and iron ore, 80% of which was exported, and now it has fallen to nearly 8 million, 6 million of which will be exported.

The CEO of Smart-Holding recalled that the company owns a stake in Metinvest, whose two steel mills in Mariupol (Azovstal and Illych Iron and Steel Works) accounted for 53% of steel production, but now they are out of operation. According to her, in the production of iron ore, the problem is blocking export channels, which is why Metinvest does not increase production to be able to export what it produces.

Regarding the agricultural sector, Kiryanova predicted that Ukraine’s key export crops – corn and wheat – that the company produced are 54% and 35% less, respectively. She added that the HarvEast agricultural holding from the group’s assets, which is among top ten largest agrarians in Ukraine, has lost 68% of arable land due to the war.

Regarding gas, she reported a 22% drop in production, and later added to reporters that more than 90% of fields in eastern Ukraine and 60% of reserves are under direct threat of airstrikes. “Therefore, it can be expected that this year production may decrease by 17%, to 16 billion cubic meters,” the CEO of Smart-Holding said, giving a forecast for the entire Ukrainian gas production.



At the same time, in an interview with reporters after the panel discussion, the CEO of Smart Holding said that she remains optimistic about the future of the steel industry. What has been destroyed will be restored, she said: “We will build new facilities, as efficient and environmentally friendly as possible, using the best industry practices and technologies, bearing in mind that decarbonization will be one of our guiding principles.”

According to her, in general, Smart-Holding looks to the future with optimism.

EBRD plans investments in Ukraine at level of \$1 bln in 2022

The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) intends to invest \$1 billion in 2022 and is ready to finance NJSC Naftogaz Ukrainy, said Bank President Odile Renault-Basso.

“We intend to continue investing \$1 billion this year and we are focused on supporting key infrastructure such as the power grid (Ukrenergo), we are reserving a Naftogaz credit line to support their working capital and liquidity,” she said during the discussions at the Ukrainian House in Davos as part of the World Economic Forum on Wednesday.

The EBRD intends to offer an investment plan to support these companies and the private sector in general, provide credit lines for agribusiness and pharmaceuticals and not only, she added.

“We also plan to work with municipalities to help internally displaced people,” said Renaud-Basso.

It is planned to build it campus for representatives of creative industries in Lviv region

It is planned to build an IT campus for representatives of creative industries in Lviv region, Artem Honcharenko, President of the International Technology Transfer Association (ITTA) and the Fund for Reconstruction and Development of Ukraine, has said.

“Currently, we are implementing such a project, we have found a site in Lviv region. The legal process will begin soon. We plan to build the first campuses during the summer, where it will be possible to attract foreign partners and IT specialists, creative industries, youth to create a platform for discussion and start-ups,” Honcharenko said during a press conference at Interfax-Ukraine on Thursday.

He clarified that there are already agreements on the allocation of a land plot in Lviv region with an area of 8 hectares. The project provides for construction of campuses no more than five floors, the total area of spaces will be 10,000 square meters.

According to Honcharenko, the campuses of the town will be able to host up to 1,000 participants, and construction of places of temporary residence is also envisaged. In addition, a rehabilitation center as part of the technology park will be designed for 500-600 people.

Previously, the creation of such towns was planned in Kyiv region, Kharkiv, Odesa, and Lviv.

“We postponed construction of such a center in Kharkiv to the post-war period. We will start talking with local authorities about what needs to be taken into account for construction of such a town of creative industries in terms of restoring the city,” the ITTA president said.

The Ukrainian non-profit organization International Technology Transfer Association (<https://itta.org.ua/>) was founded in 2020, its activities include software development, development of the IT sector in Ukraine. In April 2022, ITTA co-initiated the creation of a charitable foundation for Reconstruction and Development of Ukraine to organize and deliver humanitarian aid to Ukraine.



Mobile hospitals can temporarily replace destroyed ones – experts

Mobile hospitals can temporarily provide medical care to communities where hospitals were destroyed as a result of hostilities, Artem Honcharenko, President of the International Technology Transfer Association and the Fund for Reconstruction and Development of Ukraine, has said.

“The creation of mobile hospitals, mobile operating rooms can ensure the operation of an almost full-fledged hospital based on a gym or any building, and tent camps can also be deployed, including in a simplified form. Until the stage of hospital recovery comes, such mobile hospitals will provide primary and secondary care,” Honcharenko said during a press conference at Interfax-Ukraine on Thursday.

“*The deployment time of the mobile hospital is only 40 minutes, they are designed to receive 150 patients per day, Oleksiy Honcharov, head of the international relations department of the public organization Kontramarka Help, has said.*”

“According to our estimates, about 40 such hospitals are needed throughout Ukraine. Of course, the more of them, the better. Currently, there is a serious problem with destroyed hospitals, so mobile hospitals can come to different cities to provide medical care,” he explained.

The Fund for Reconstruction and Development of Ukraine (<https://rdua.eu/>) was established in April 2022 at the initiative of the International Technology Transfer Association and the I-Dolina start-up platform to organize and deliver humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

NGO Kontramarka Help (<https://www.kontramarka.help/>) was founded by the creators of automation products for ticket services mticket, esport, Kontramarka for humanitarian aid to the army, territorial defense, hospitals.

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Ukraine's Construction Academy offers format of 8-apartment buildings for rapid housing construction

The Academy of Construction of Ukraine plans to implement a project for rapid construction of housing in the format of eight-apartment buildings for Ukrainians who have lost their homes.

“Of course, large multi-storey housing projects initiated by the President's Office and the Ministry of Regional Development, restoration of infrastructure and engineering networks for such projects will not be quickly implemented. We proposed a more universal format of a residential building for territorial communities – this is an eight-apartment residential building. We have worked for about 30 sketch designs and reached the finish line on the approval of project documentation,” academician of the Academy of Construction of Ukraine, director of the scientific and technical center Ivan Perehynets said during a press conference.



According to him, cooperation with a number of territorial communities is already planned for the implementation of the project, memorandums on the allocation of land have been developed. In addition, the experts developed resource sheets for the project. Perehynets pointed out that construction of such houses would take about 60 days, which would quickly resettle people in need of housing. A small building area will allow the project to be implemented in the form of micro districts.

Experts spoke about latest legislative changes regulating import of humanitarian aid to Ukraine

The Club of Experts YouTube channel has released a new video dedicated to the prospects for the development of the volunteer movement in Ukraine after the start of the war and solving the main problems that our citizens may face when bringing humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

According to Maksim Urakin, the founder of the Club of Experts, the humanitarian situation that arose in Ukraine after the outbreak of hostilities forced tens of thousands of people to volunteer.

“At the same time, many people faced with the incomprehensibility of the processes of crossing the border and importing certain goods into the country,” the expert emphasized.

In his commentary, the head of the International Technology Transfer Association (ITTA), Artem Goncharenko, noted that when organizing volunteer assistance, one should understand what needs the recipients of volunteer assistance have. At the same time, in his opinion, individual and general requests of both military and ordinary citizens should be distributed.

“It is important to understand that we cannot offer a single universal solution. Need a personal approach (...). At the same time, different volunteer organizations should unite to improve the coordination of work,” he said.

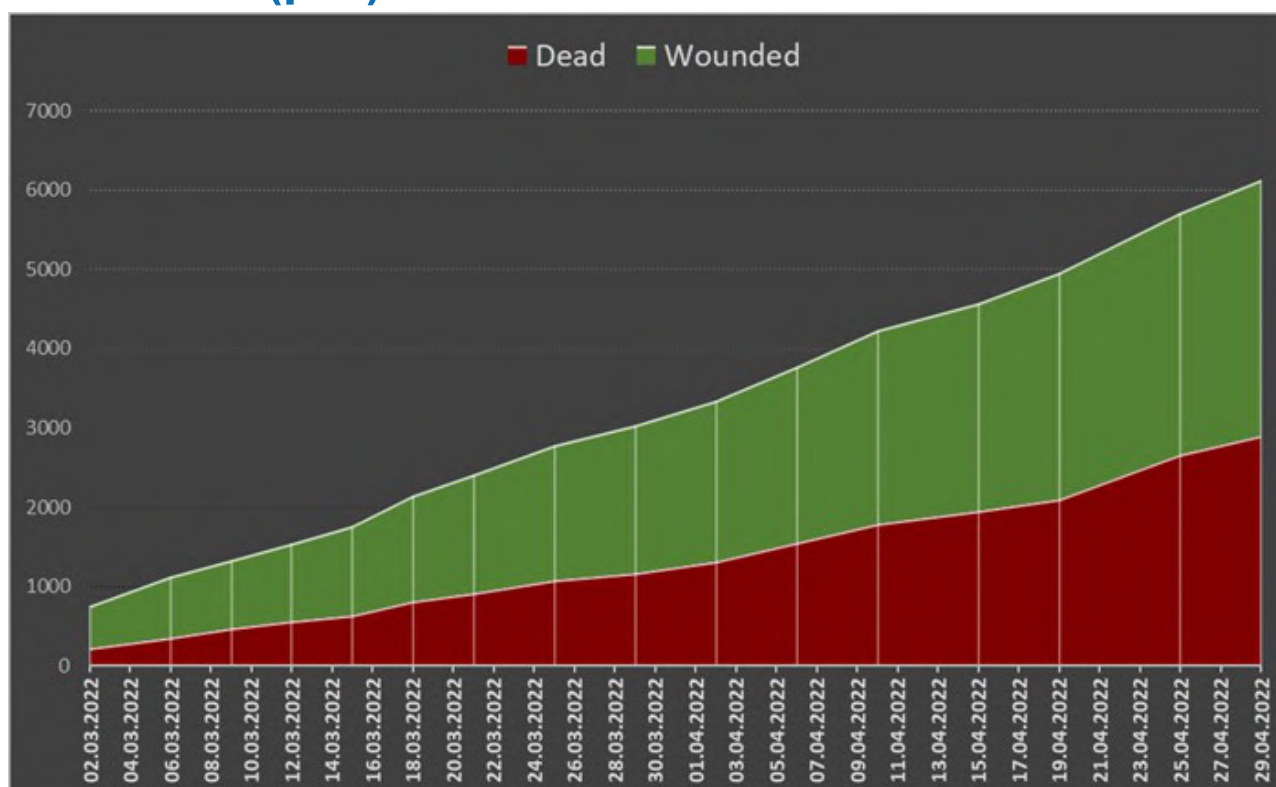
In turn, Evgenia Litvinova, Chair of the Ukrainian Exporters' Club, analyzed the latest legislative changes that have greatly simplified the delivery of international humanitarian aid to Ukraine.

In their presentation, the experts provided a detailed explanation on the following problematic issues:

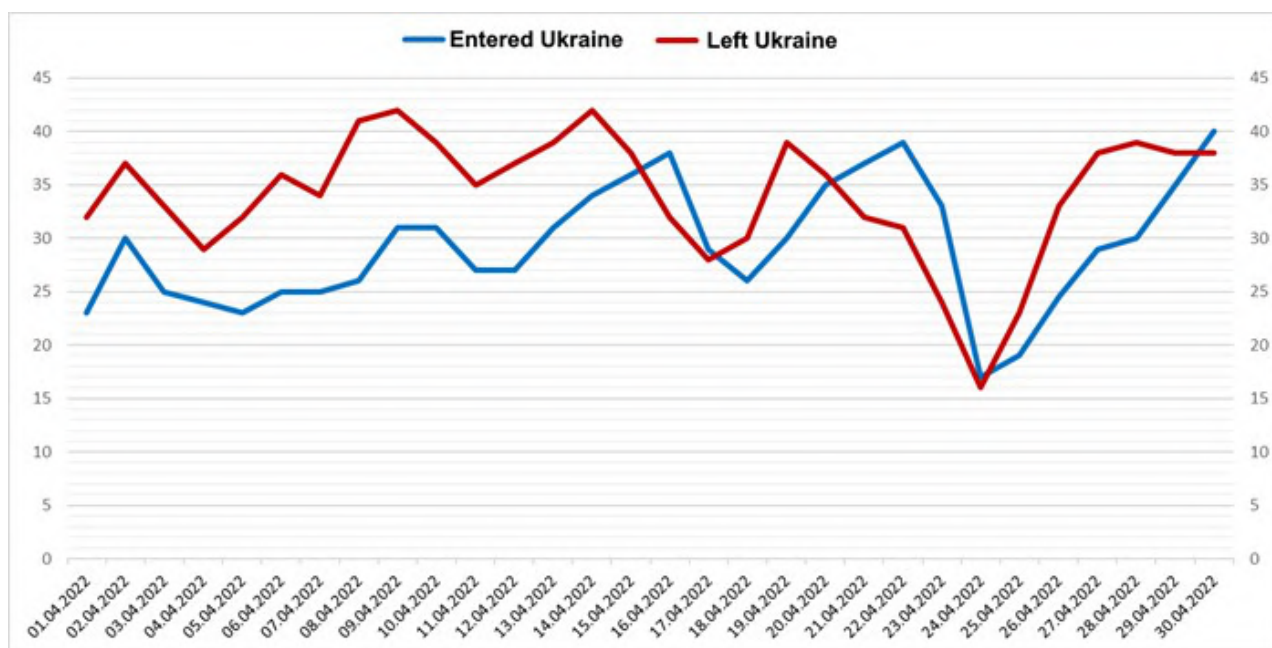
- Who has the right to bring humanitarian aid to Ukraine?
- On the basis of what documents can humanitarian aid be imported?
- What changes have been introduced when filling out customs declarations?
- What shipping documents do you need to have when crossing the border?

For more details, see the video on the YouTube channel “Expert Club” at the link:

Number of dead and wounded civilians in Ukraine as a result of military actions from 24.02.2022 according to UN data (per)



Passenger flow through the Western border of Ukraine in Apr 2022, thousand (graphically)



MHP cut production in April, chicken sales fell by 40%

Agroholding MHP, the largest producer of chicken in Ukraine, and in April 2022 due to the Russian military invasion of Ukraine reduced its production by 12% compared to April 2021 – up to 55.5 thousand. tons, and its sales – by 40%, up to 35 thousand. tons.

At the same time, foreign sales of chicken fell by 55% to 14.3 thousand. tons, while the Ukrainian market decreased by 20% to 20.7 thousand. tons, the company said on the London Stock Exchange on Tuesday.

Thus, the share of chicken exports in April 2022 decreased by 14 percentage points compared to April 2021 – from 55% to 41%. The average selling price of poultry meat increased by 18% to \$ 1.8 / kg.

MHP also reduced the production of meat products and semi-finished products by 67% – from 4.44 thousand. tons in April 2021 to 1.45 thousand tons in April 2022.

“In March, due to the closure of ports, MHP recorded a significant decline in exports of poultry and vegetable oils. Since April, the company has been actively developing alternative routes to resume exports. In addition, the company’s local team has focused on improving poultry sales in Ukraine by optimizing logistics and sales channels, “the agricultural holding said in a statement.

The founder, majority shareholder and head of the board of MHP is a Ukrainian businessman Yuri Kosyuk.



In March-April Ukraine exported agricultural products worth almost \$2bln

The value of Ukrainian agricultural exports for the two months of the war with Russia (March-April) amounted to \$ 1.74 billion, while in January-February the supply of such products brought 3.2 times more revenue – \$ 5.68 billion, for January-April the country exported \$ 7.42 billion worth of agricultural products

The key commodity groups in agricultural exports from Ukraine are traditionally cereals and oilseeds, vegetable oils and fats, waste from the processing industry and meat products, according to the website of the Institute of Agrarian Economics (IAE).



According to the agency, agricultural products continue to be the main source of foreign exchange earnings for Ukraine's foreign trade: in January-April 2022, its share in total exports exceeded 44%.



Despite the Russian military invasion, exports of agricultural products from Ukraine in January-April 2022 still exceed the figures for the first four months of 2021 by 3%, this excess is due to significant intensity of exports in January-February 2022 and a record harvest of 2021, the largest since the country's independence.

"Today Ukraine still exceeds last year's record food exports. However, Russia's ongoing aggression, hostilities, occupation of territories in different regions of our country and blocking of seaports significantly reduce domestic foreign sales potential. Final export figures will depend on liquidity. , – quotes IAE deputy director of the institution Nikolai Pugachev.

Since the beginning of the 2021/2022 marketing year (MY, July-June) and as of May 19, Ukraine has exported 46.51 million tons of cereals and legumes, which is 13.8% higher than on the same date of the previous MY. A total of 18.54 million tons of wheat was exported to foreign markets (18.7% more than in the same period of 2020 / 2021MG), 21.83 million tons of corn (+ 6.9%), 5.68 million tons of barley (+ 37.2%), 70.6 thousand tons of flour (-35.7%).

First batch of Ukrainian corn arrives at German port

The Czech railway carrier ČD Cargo delivered the first train with 1,800 tonnes of corn from Ukraine to the German port of Brake for subsequent shipment to Egypt on a grain carrier ship.

Such a change in logistics routes is necessary to free up silos in Ukraine to receive a new crop, and to avoid starvation in North Africa and Asia that consume Ukrainian agricultural products, according to a posting on the website of the publication zdopravy.cz (the Czech Republic).

"We see this as a help and at the same time a business opportunity. Due to the Russian invasion, Ukraine cannot export grain in the traditional way through the Black Sea ports. A new harvest is approaching, and the silos in Ukraine are still full. Therefore, it is necessary to decide how to get at least part of the stocks by rail across Europe," Board Chairman of ČD Cargo Tomáš Tóth was quoted as saying.

The Czech railway carrier returned with a batch of corn from Ukraine, where it had previously delivered a batch of humanitarian aid and military equipment.

At the same time, railway exports from Ukraine are fraught with problems due to different gauges in the EU and Ukraine, as well as insufficient capacity of logistics routes.



Land cultivation by owner instead of leasing can lead Ukraine out of current dead-end model of land relations – expert

The concentration of land in one hand by leasing land plots from their owners over the years of independence has led to the degradation of the Ukrainian agricultural industry, this problem can be solved by legally operating associations of landowners, consolidating in matters of growing and selling crops, head of the Ukrainian Association of Land Owners Roman Holovin said.

At a press conference at the Interfax-Ukraine agency on Thursday, he noted that the main problem of land lease relations in Ukraine is the concentration of land in one hand. Thus, 10% of the country's agricultural land is concentrated in the ten largest Ukrainian tenants.

In addition, the user of the land, who is not its owner, is not interested in investing in the land asset, as well as in the further processing of agricultural products and the development of animal husbandry, the expert explains.

Holovin specified that the launch of the land market in 2021 did not change the situation for the better for the land owner, but continued the concentration of land in the hands of tenants. With its appearance, the rent for agricultural plots did not increase, the owner of the land did not receive the right to dispose of the land without the permission of the tenant, and the lease agreement is almost impossible to terminate. According to the expert, due to lack of prospects and intimidation by tenants, land owners are increasingly deciding to sell land for next to nothing.

“*“Ukraine found itself in a situation of a dead end in the implementation of land relations, which led to the decline of the agricultural sector, gave rise to socio-economic and socio-political contradictions and conflicts. Such land relations do not exist in any civilized country,” the head of the union emphasized during the press conference.*”

Holovin noted that associations of land owners are capable of resolving this issue, which consolidate joint efforts to sell their crops at the highest possible price, resolve the issues of production services and hiring subcontractors, accounting and tax administration. Such public independent management of land through participation in the community of land owners created by Holovin makes it possible to receive profit from the use of land by its owner 2-2.5 times more than non-public (shadow) agriculture, or management through the registration of the land owner as a private entrepreneur.

The community of land owners is a legal entity created by uniting land owners to consolidate the use of land plots in independent agricultural activities, at the same time socially significant for its participants, the society and the state as a whole. The organization is a single taxpayer of the fourth group and a value added tax payer, which implies a special taxation regime for the community and the owner of the land entering it.

According to his calculations, with a crop value of UAH 28,000/ha, the land owner can receive UAH 8,000-12,000 per hectare by optimizing taxation and accounting, and with a crop value of UAH 42,000/ha, he will earn UAH 14,000-22,000/ha.



President Zelensky: 22 million tons of food are blocked in Ukrainian ports

22 million tons of food have been blocked in Ukrainian ports, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said in Kyiv on Saturday after meeting with Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa.

“*“Russia has blocked all maritime opportunities to export food products – our grain, barley, sunflower. 22 million tons have been blocked by the Russian Federation,” he said. “And, to be honest, they are stealing slowly. Grain is taken out of ports and somewhere. We know what “somewhere” is,” Zelensky said.*



According to him, Ukraine “works at the level of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. At the level of conscience, it is impossible to work with these countries, so we work differently. ”

Zelensky noted that “it can be unblocked in different ways. One of them is military. That is why we are asking our partners for such requests for appropriate weapons, and Portugal is no exception. “

Ukraine in 2021/2022 marketing year produced 1.4 mln tons of sugar, which completely covers domestic demand

Ukraine in the marketing year 2021/2022 (MY, September-August) produced 1.4 million tons of sugar, which completely covers domestic demand in the amount of 1.2 million tons, therefore, the excess of production over consumption eliminates the shortage of this product in the country , reported on the Facebook page of the Association “Ukrainian Club of Agrarian Business” (UCAB) on Friday.

“In 2021/22 MY, 1.4 million tons of sugar were produced, which is 44% more than in the previous year. The produced sugar is enough to cover Ukraine’s annual demand for sugar calmly and even with a margin. And given the fact that part of the population of Ukraine temporarily went abroad and the consumption fund also decreased, respectively, the transitional balance is increasing,” the UCAB specified.

The association recalled that during the sowing campaign in Ukraine, as of June 2, 181 thousand hectares have already been sown with sugar beet, which is 80% of the sown area of the previous year. In addition, a new season of sugar making will begin in four months to meet the needs of Ukrainians next year.

According to the UCAB, in the context of the Russian military invasion in Ukraine, there is a rush demand for basic food products. Each family is trying to stock up for more than one month, fearing food shortages and possible price increases. In turn, increased demand can lead to higher prices.

As reported, a number of countries have banned the export of sugar to meet their own needs. In May 2022, restrictions on its export were introduced by India, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, in April – by Belarus, in March – by the Russian Federation.



Experts predict grain and oilseed harvest in Ukraine at level of 66 mln tons, which is 1.6 times less than in 2021

Ukraine in 2022 can harvest a crop of 66 million tons of grain, leguminous and oilseeds, which is 1.6 times less compared to the record harvest over the years of independence in 2021, when 106 million tons were harvested.

As reported on the website of the association Ukrainian Club of Agrarian Business (UCAB) on Thursday evening, this year it is expected to produce 50.4 million tons of grains and legumes (1.7 times less than in 2021), and 16 million tons of oilseeds (41.2% less). According to her, this year the wheat harvest is expected to be 18 million tons (-44% by 2021), corn – 25.7 million tons (-39%), barley – 5.2 million tons (-55%).

As for oilseeds, in 2022 it is expected to produce 10.6 million tons of sunflower (-35% by 2021), soybeans – 3.0 million tons (-14%), rapeseed – 2.7 million tons (-22%).



According to the UCAB, soybean and rapeseed show the lowest rates of decline in the expected gross harvest. This is due to the relatively small mass of their crop, combined with a high price for it, which facilitates logistical issues when exporting these oilseeds.

The Association emphasized that the decrease in sown area in 2022 was due to the partial occupation of part of the territory of Ukraine by Russian troops, the inability to sow in fields mined by Russians, and also due to damage to the material and technical base of Ukrainian farmers.

In addition, this year, yields are expected to decrease by about 10% due to the inability of some farms to comply with all technological procedures.

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