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## IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL ANNOUNCES ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT PRESENCE AT ZAPORIZHIA NUCLEAR POWER PLANT

The IAEA Director General announced the end of his "long-awaited" visit to the Zaporizhia Nuclear Power Plant (NPP) and the establishment of a permanent presence of the agency at the plant.

"I have just completed the first tour of the key locations we wanted to see in this first approach to the entire facility. Of course, there is still a lot to be done. My team remains, and most importantly, we establish our permanent presence from the IAEA here," he said in a video from ZNPP posted on his Twitter.

Earlier, Energoatom, which includes Zaporizhia NPP, reported that as of 18:00 on Thursday, Grossi had left the station. Most of the members of the delegation left the station with him.

According to Energoatom, five representatives of the IAEA mission remained at the ZNPP, who are unloading the equipment they brought and will continue to work at the plant. The IAEA mission arrived at the ZNPP captured by Russian troops on September 1, approximately after 14:00. According to the statements of the occupying authorities, the IAEA experts who left the station "should leave the territory controlled by the Russian Federation before 20:00."

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# BIDEN'S ADMINISTRATION ASKS CONGRESS TO ALLOCATE ANOTHER \$13.7 BLN AID TO UKRAINE

The administration of US President Joseph Biden is asking the US Congress to allocate additional security and economic assistance to Ukraine in the amount of \$11.7 billion, as well as \$2 billion in domestic energy supplies to offset the impact of the war on the global energy market, writes in Friday the American edition of The Hill.

"We have rallied the world to support the people of Ukraine and defend our democracy, and we simply cannot let that support for Ukraine dry up," an unnamed administration official told reporters.



*Specifically, the White House is asking Congress to approve \$4.5 billion for military equipment and Pentagon resupply, \$2.7 billion for defense and intelligence assistance for Ukraine, and \$4.5 billion for budgetary support for the government of Ukraine.*



The \$2 billion request to support domestic energy sources is distributed as follows: \$1.5 billion for fuel for nuclear reactors and \$500 million for the modernization of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

The White House says the funds are needed to maintain the pace of assistance to Ukraine during the first three months of fiscal year 2023, which begins in early October. An administration official said roughly three-quarters of the funds previously approved by Congress for Ukraine had already been spent or disbursed.

The publication recalls that Congress, on a bipartisan basis, has already approved the allocation of more than \$53 billion in security, economic and humanitarian assistance to counter the Russian invasion of Ukraine this year. The White House expects that these funds will be enough until the end of the fiscal year.

Both parties support sending aid to Ukraine as it battles more than six months of attacks from Russia, although it is possible that at least some Republicans will doubt the latest funding request.

In addition to increased funding for Ukraine, the White House is also asking Congress to authorize additional billions to fund the federal government's response to the Covid-19 pandemic, monkeypox response, and disaster relief. The emergency funding request is \$47.1 billion.

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## PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE SIGNS LAW ON MANDATORY PLACEMENT OF BOMB SHELTERS IN NEW BUILDINGS

On August 22, President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky signed a law on amendments to some legal acts of Ukraine on measures of civil protection during planning and development of territories, which, in particular, provides for mandatory placement of bomb shelters in new buildings.

According to the press service of the Ministry for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine, the law provides for a change in approaches to the forming of a system of civil protection structures in the planning and development of territories at the stage of urban planning documentation at the regional and local levels. In particular, the documentation must necessarily contain a section of engineering and technical measures for civil protection, defining a plan for the development of protective structures and ensuring unhindered access to shelters.

"Today, more than ever, Ukraine needs the development of a network of reliable shelters and storage facilities that will protect people from the risks associated with hostilities. The development of such a network should become mandatory and ubiquitous, which will make our communities safer and more secure," Minister for Communities and Territories Development of Ukraine Oleksiy Chernyshov said.

As reported, the Verkhovna Rada adopted respective bill No. 7398 on July 29.



# INTERNATIONAL RESERVES OF UKRAINE INCREASED BY 13.6% – NBU

The international reserves of Ukraine as of September 1, 2022, according to preliminary data, amounted to \$25 billion 436 million (in equivalent), which is 13.6% more than at the beginning of June (\$22.757 billion), according to data from the National Bank of Ukraine, published in Tuesday.



*“As of September 1, 2022, Ukraine’s international reserves, according to preliminary data, amounted to \$ 25.436 billion. In August, they grew by 13.6% due to the receipt of a significant amount of international assistance against the backdrop of the country’s moderate debt payments in foreign currency and smaller interventions by the National Bank to sell foreign currency “, the controller explained.*

As reported, in June, the fall in reserves amounted to 1.6%, or \$371.5 million.

The regulator clarified that net international reserves in August increased by 26.6%, or \$3 billion 342 million, to \$15.917 billion, while in July they fell by 2.9%, or \$377 million (to \$12.575 billion).

According to the National Bank, in August the dynamics of international reserves was affected by assistance from foreign partners and operations to manage public debt. In particular, foreign exchange receipts to the accounts of the Ukrainian government with the NBU in August amounted to \$4.788 billion, including from the United States – \$3 billion, from the EU – \$1 billion, from Canada – \$349.3 million, from Italy – \$205.6 million, from the placement domestic government bonds – \$99.6 million, from other creditors – \$87.4 million.

“The current volume of international reserves provides financing for four months of future imports, which is enough to meet the obligations of Ukraine and the current operations of the government and the National Bank,” the bank said.

As reported, at the beginning of 2022, Ukraine’s international reserves amounted to \$30.941 billion, net international reserves (NIR) – \$20.767 billion.

## SHARE OF WOMEN IN UKRAINIAN IT HAS TRIPLED IN 10 YEARS – GLOBALLOGIC

The share of women in Ukrainian IT has tripled over the past 10 years and stands at 24% as of August 2022, the press service of GlobalLogic reported, based on an internal study of the company.



*“According to GlobalLogic, 1,769 women work with the company in Ukraine, which is more than a quarter of all specialists. The average age of specialists is 33 years, but among IT specialists there are also women over the age of 60,” the company said.*

According to GlobalLogic statistics, 81% of women in the IT field have technical specialties.

Most of the respondents started their career in the industry as a trainee or junior position, but now they have a professional level of senior, lead or even AVP (junior vice president).

According to the report, a third of the top leadership positions at GlobalLogic are held by women.

IT company “GlobalLogic Ukraine” is the largest software developer in Ukraine. It has offices and more than 4.5 thousand specialists in Kyiv, Kharkov, Lvov and Nikolaev.



# FATF TO ISSUE GUIDANCE ON BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP TRANSPARENCY SOON

FATF (Financial Action Task Force) plans to issue detailed instructions in October this or February next year on the implementation of its new recommendations on transparency of beneficial ownership, said the head of the Secretariat's Risk and Policies Department organization Tom Neylan.

The next FATF plenary meetings are scheduled for October and February.

Speaking at a FATF-sponsored seminar on Thursday, Neylan noted that the organization has begun the practical implementation of its new legal entity transparency standard. In this regard, the discussion participants discussed the best world practices in the field of creating registers of beneficial owners of companies, the need for constant monitoring of the relevance of the information contained in the registers, the importance of interaction in this matter between the private and public sectors.

Emil van der Doos de Villebois, Head of Global Financial Markets at the World Bank, recalled that almost all criminal schemes that the international community is fighting against use legal entities in one way or another.

Michael Levy, a professor at Cardiff University, believes that the FATF, by implementing the new recommendations at the international level, should thereby "ensure a level playing field." In his opinion, if there is no transparency of companies, then there is a real threat that international business will simply ignore minimally risky partners, because otherwise, in the conditions of a lack of information, they will have to do so many additional checks that the client will simply "become unprofitable" for them.

"Countries are often surprised when they find that the FATF Evaluation Panel starts looking in the public domain for information about permanent or nominee directors during the evaluation. It happens unexpectedly. But we check it," Neylan said.

Neilan and European Commission Policy Officer Chiara Bakchi agreed on the importance of using public registers. In their opinion, not only the accuracy of the information collected is important, but also the interaction between different national registries. "I'm not talking about real harmonization (of registers – IF), but at least about the relationship, when we can find common information," Bakci said.

In March, the organization adopted amendments to recommendation 24 (transparency and beneficial owners of legal entities). The amendments oblige countries to prevent the misuse of legal entities for money laundering or terrorist financing by ensuring that adequate, accurate and up-to-date information is available on the beneficial owners of legal entities.

The FATF standards include recommendations, as well as explanatory notes to them and definitions. The measures provided for by these standards are mandatory for all members of the organization. The extent to which the relevant measures are implemented in practice is checked through a system of mutual evaluations.

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## UKRAINE INCREASES FUEL IMPORTS BY 12 TIMES FROM MARCH TO AUG

Ukraine increased fuel imports 12-fold over the six months of the war – from almost 60,000 tonnes in March to 710,000 tonnes in August, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy of Ukraine Yulia Svyrydenko said.

"If in March we imported an average of 827 tonnes of gasoline and 1,400 tonnes of diesel fuel per day, then in August – 4,200 tonnes and 16,900 tonnes, respectively. We see a gradual accumulation of oil products on the market due to the constant growth of imports. That is why today there is no excessive demand for fuel, there are no queues at gas stations, and prices do not show a tendency to rapid growth," Svyrydenko said, the words of which are quoted in the message of the Ministry of Economy on the website on Friday.

According to the Ministry of Economy, a total of 58,800 tonnes of gasoline, diesel fuel and liquefied gas were imported in March, 380,800 tonnes in May, and 709,500 tonnes in August.

"According to consumption forecasts in September-December, Ukraine needs 500,000-550,000 tonnes of fuel every month. We import large volumes, which allows us to fully meet the needs of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, as well as emergency and public services, farmers, and public transport," the first deputy prime minister said.



# EXPORT OF ELECTRICITY TO EUROPE BROUGHT UKRAINE ALMOST UAH 3 BLN IN TWO MONTHS

The income of NPC Ukrenergo from the sale of the interstate section for the export of electricity to Romania and Slovakia from June 30 to August 31 rose to UAH 2.94 billion.

According to the results of daily auctions held by Ukrenergo in these areas, in the last ten days of August, proceeds from the sale of cross-sections increased by UAH 1.02 billion due to an increase in electricity prices in Europe, which directly affects the price of cross-sections. As a result, exports to Romania for ten days cost UAH 502.1 million, which is 39% higher than in the third week of August, to Slovakia – UAH 519.5 million (63% higher than the average daily cross-sectional cost in the third week of August).

The most expensive was the section on the last day of August – in Romania 56.8 million hryvnia, in Slovakia 59.4 million hryvnia.

According to Energy Reform calculations, the average hourly price of a section for ten days of August amounted to UAH 16.7 thousand / MWh in Romania, and UAH 17.3 thousand / MWh in Slovakia.

According to the Market Operator, as of August 31, the average electricity price on the day-ahead market (DAM) in Romania is EUR684/MWh (in terms of the current euro exchange rate, about UAH 25,000/MWh) , Slovakia – EUR 673 / MWh (about 24.6 thousand UAH / MWh). In Ukraine, the electricity price of the BASE period on DAM is EUR 86/ MWh (about UAH 3.14 thousand/MWh).

The most active exporter is the state-owned energy trader AK ECU, which entered the market on August 19. Of the possible 3,000 MWh per day, the company buys a section for export via the Romanian direction of 1488 MWh per day (62 MW per hour of the day), along the Slovak route – for the supply of 1512 MWh per day (63 MW per hour).

The second largest exporter in both directions remains DTEK Zakhidenergo, which bought out during this period mainly a cross-section for deliveries from 1,000,000 MWh to 1,200 MWh.

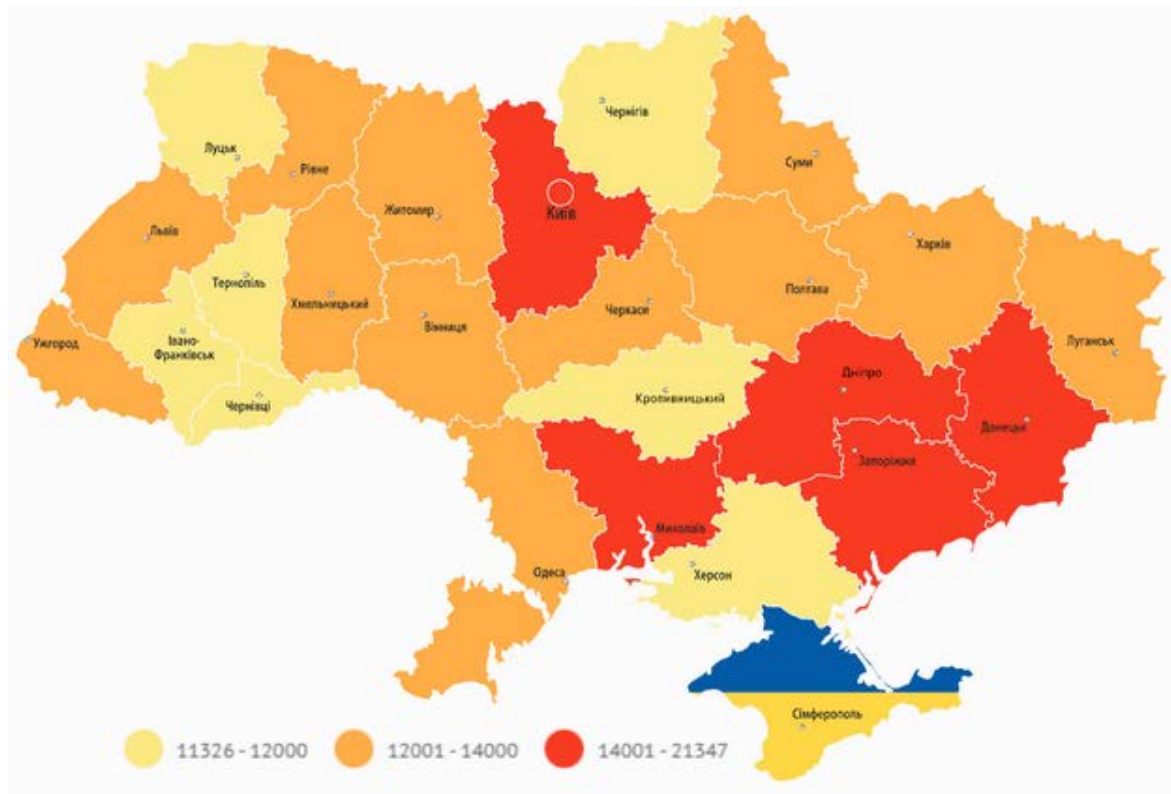


Most of the remnants of the cross-section were bought out by Latest Technologies 3000, Ukr Gas Resource, Electric Trading Group, and DE Trading. Many companies participated in auctions without results.

The state-owned PJSC “Ukrhydroenergo” continued to buy a section of 100 MW on a flat schedule for the supply of electricity to Moldova (a total of 2400 MWh per day).

The section to Poland continues to buy back at daily auctions in addition to the 147 MW of capacity bought out at the monthly auction of DTEK Zakhidenergo – on August 22-31 at 63 MW every hour (1512 MWh per day).

# AVERAGE SALARY OF STAFF EMPLOYEES (UAH)



## DEMAND FOR PURCHASE OF HOUSING IN KYIV INCREASED BY 45%

Demand for rental housing in the capital in August increased by 30-40% compared to the previous month, for the purchase of residential real estate by 45%, the press service of the Park Lane real estate agency reported.

"We are seeing a significant increase in demand, as pent-up demand has formed over the past six months, which is now being realized. Autumn has always been an active season, and this year, despite the circumstances, we see activity in the market," explains Victoria Barabash, CEO of Park Lane Academy of Sciences, the words of which are given in the press release.

According to her, demand is affected by the return to the capital of those who previously temporarily left Kyiv due to Russia's military invasion of Ukraine.

"The number of calls and transactions in the rental market has reached pre-war levels," Barabash said.

Demand in the rental market is observed mainly for apartments in different districts of the capital costing 10-20 thousand UAH. The most popular are 1-3-room apartments with an area of 45-70 sq. m.

"Requests of tenants have not changed significantly compared to the pre-war period. The greatest interest is still in apartments in new buildings, most often with their own territory, parking. Also, a certain percentage of tenants are interested in apartments in early construction houses. However, the main selection criterion is high-quality repairs and comfort of living," Barabash clarifies.

If we talk about buying a home, the most active demand is for 1-3-room renovated apartments. About 70%, as at the end of 2021, falls on housing in new buildings. Most buyers are interested in Pechersky, Solomensky, Shevchenkivsky, Goloseevsky, Darnitsky districts, according to a press release.

"We are seeing an increase in demand, an increase in the number of applications, starting from the beginning of August. Regarding the level of discounts, they are exclusively individual and depend on the situation of the owner and his willingness to discount," Barabash states.

In her opinion, the dynamics of demand makes it possible to talk about optimistic forecasts for the market and the activity of the autumn season.

The Park Lane real estate agency was registered in Ukraine in 2006 and is part of the First Realty Group corporation.



## 5 SETS OF AWARDS WERE PLAYED AT ZENIT OPEN SQUASH TOURNAMENT IN KYIV

On August 27-28, the charity squash tournament "Zenit Ukraine Open 2022" was held on the courts of the capital's fitness center "SPORT LIFE". The competition was attended by players from Romania, USA, Moldova, Lithuania, as well as athletes from Kyiv, Lvov, Kharkov, Dnipro, Khmelnytsky, Poltava, Kherson and Odessa.

*"This year the tournament was held in Kyiv for security reasons, while Odessa has been the traditional venue for the competition for many years. According to tournament organizers Dmitry Shcherbakov and Maxim Urakin, the return of Zenit Open to the Black Sea coast is planned for next year."*

"For the last 10 years, the tournament has been held in Odessa, and we know it under the name Zenit Black Sea Open. Now, due to the war, we were forced to change traditions and move the venue to Kyiv. At the same time, we plan to return to Odessa courts next year," Shcherbakov emphasized.

The executive director of the "All-Ukrainian Association of Squash Players" Oleksiy Usenko said that the association will contribute to the organization and holding of tournaments on a regular basis.

"The holding of such competitions improves the skills of our players and our cohesion, it is important not only to support Ukrainian sports, but also the country as a whole," Usenko stressed.

According to the organizers, the money raised at the tournament will be directed to charity and assistance to Ukraine.

"Zenit Open" is the most famous and largest international squash tournament in the history of independent Ukraine. The scale of the championship is evidenced by the number of countries and participants, as well as a large number of organizations involved in the preparation and holding of the competition.

The main fitness partner of the event is the national network of fitness clubs No. 1 "SPORT LIFE";

The main organizer of the tournament is "All-Ukrainian Association of Squash Players";

The main information partner of the tournament is the news agency "Interfax Ukraine";

The official sponsors were the company "MAXEVENTS" and the analytical center "Club of Experts";

Partner – Public Association "UKRSADVINTROM";

Prizes and gifts from the leading companies Tecnifibre and Reima;

The official water of the tournament is "KRAYNA";

Official beer of the tournament from TERMOPUB;

Tea Partner – At Market;

Official hotel of the tournament – "FAVOR";

Party partner restaurant – "OZERO".

## EXPORT OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF BLACK SEA GRAIN INITIATIVE REACHED ALMOST 1.8 MILLION TONS

The total tonnage of grain and other food products exported from three Ukrainian ports as part of the Black Sea Grain Initiative reached 1 million 766.53 thousand tons on September 2, the Joint Coordination Center (JCC) reported.

*"A total of 160 flights are allowed: 86 inbound and 74 outbound," his summary emphasizes. In particular, on September 2, the SCC authorized the movement of eight vessels carrying a total of 196.29 thousand tons of agricultural products on Saturday."*

Among them from the "Southern" port: MAINA in Tarragona (Spain) with 56.5 thousand tons of corn, CANOPUS in Jawaharlal Nehru (India) with 42 thousand tons of sunflower oil, SEA DOLPHIN in Amsterdam (Netherlands) with 31.1 thousand tons, LADY PERLA in Porto Marghera (Italy) with 20.5 thousand tons of corn.

From the port of "Chornomorsk": BC CALLISTO to Damietta (Egypt) with 31.4 thousand tons of wheat, LADY EVA in Patras (Greece) with 6.12 thousand tons of wheat, SEALOCK to Mersin (Turkey) with 2.07 thousand tons. tons of peas, as well as SARA from Odesa to Tekirdag (Turkey) with 6.6 thousand tons.

Two more vessels whose planned departure on Friday was postponed are also expected to depart on Saturday-Sunday: MUBARIZ IBRAHIMOV from Odesa to Tekirdag (Turkey) with 6.6 thousand tons of sunflower oil and NORD VIRGO from "Pivdenny" to Juan (China) ) from 62.34 thousand tons of corn.

In addition, the SCC completed eight inspections of inbound vessels on September 2, and has nine inspections planned for Saturday: six inbound vessels and three outbound.

As reported, on July 22 in Istanbul, at the suggestion of the UN, Ukraine, Turkey and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres signed an initiative on the safe transportation of grain and food products from the Ukrainian ports of Odesa, Chornomorsk and Pivdenny.

# UKRAINE'S PHARMACEUTICAL MARKET DOWN 20% IN VALUE IN FIRST HALF OF 2022

Ukraine's pharmaceutical market in the first half of 2022 fell by 27% in volume and 20% in value due to the war compared to the same period last year, the relevant data are given in the report of the SMD company "Ukraine's pharmaceutical market in the first half 2022. The market in the flames of war."

At the same time, the company does not provide absolute indicators in the document.



*According to the company, the main market drop during this period occurred in April and amounted to 50% in volume and 51% in value compared to April 2021.*

At the same time, SMD experts note the significant impact of migration and population decline on the situation in the pharmaceutical market.

At the same time, the company pays attention to some stabilization of the situation in May, as well as to a slight market growth in monetary terms over the past months, which reflects the increase in drug prices.

In addition, the company's experts emphasize that in the first half of this year, the actual consumption of medicines was higher than the monitoring showed due to the significant amount of humanitarian aid transferred.

At the same time, the share of public procurement was stable in terms of volume – 21% versus 20% in the first half of 2021, but increased from 25% to 30% in value terms due to a larger share of centralized purchases of high-priced products.

In addition, the company notes significant changes in the regional distribution. In particular, the largest reduction in consumption and market share is noted in Kharkiv, Kyiv region (without Kyiv city), as well as in Chernihiv, Kherson, Mykolaiv and Sumy regions.

The largest increase in market share during the war was demonstrated by Lviv region, Kyiv city, Dnipropetrovsk, Ivano-Frankivsk, Volyn, Zakarpattia, Ternopil and other western regions.

At the same time, in Odesa and central regions of Ukraine, there was a slight increase in market share (0.5-0.6%).

"The change in the share of regional markets was influenced not only by internal migration of the population, but also by the work of large military clinics that consumed a significant amount of drugs in certain regions," the company emphasizes.

According to the study, Sinovac became the leader of the pharmaceutical market during the analyzed period thanks to the purchase of a vaccine against COVID-19.

Without taking this company into account, the position of the market leader, despite a significant reduction in sales, is maintained by Farmak, the second place is taken by the pharmaceutical company Darnitsa, and the third by Yuria-Pharm.

Sanofi and Arterium, respectively, took fourth and fifth positions in the ranking of pharmaceutical market leaders for the first half of the year.





# INDIAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES-MEMBERS OF IPMA CONTINUE TO WORK IN UKRAINE DESPITE HUGE DROP IN SALES – IPMA

The retail pharmaceutical market of Ukraine in March-June 2022 fell by 30-40% in monetary terms and by 20-30% in kind compared to the same period in 2021, hospital purchases dropped by 70-80%.

Such assessments of the development of the Ukrainian pharmaceutical market in the first half of 2022 were announced to Interfax-Ukraine by the Indian Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association (IPMA).

“The pharmaceutical market of Ukraine in the first half of 2022, except for January and February, plummeted by 30-40%. The volume of sales of over-the-counter and prescription drugs fell by 30-40% in monetary terms and in packages by 20-30%, the volume of hospital supplies of medicines dropped by 70-80%,” IPMA said. At the same time, the association said that “the distribution channel was disrupted, and distributors and pharmacy chains had to compensate for losses due to the bombardment of their warehouses and their pharmacies.” According to IPMA participants, sales in the first two months since the start of the war in money and packages fell by 70%. In the following months, the fall was slightly less, but the average level of decline for six months is about 40%. In particular, the IPMA member company Konark Intelmed(Kharkiv)/Euro Lifecare PVT Ltd. (India, a representative office in Kyiv) said that the company had to move its warehouse, which was located in Kharkiv, to the west of Ukraine. IPMA said that due to the complexity of logistics, Indian pharmaceutical companies were unable to quickly establish supplies after the sudden cessation of direct air and sea communications with Ukraine.

“*The association said that “all Indian companies participating in IPMA remained to work in the Ukrainian market, although some had to significantly reduce their activities.”*  
*“Our pharmaceutical companies are still rebuilding to work in the new conditions, but we continue to work on the Ukrainian market,” IPMA said.*”

The association reported that Indian pharmaceutical companies have provided assistance to Ukraine in the form of medicines and financial assistance, supported and continue to support Ukrainian citizens who were forced to leave their homes.

In particular, in the first months of the war, when the shortage of medicines was particularly acute, the IPMA participant, the Indian pharmaceutical company Macleods, provided medical aid to Ukraine in the amount of about UAH 27 million. It included hemostatic drugs, antibiotics, cardio- and other drugs. The company continues to provide assistance. The pharmaceutical marketing company Euro Lifecare together with the Ukrainian pharmaceutical distributor Konark Intelmed, in addition to helping Kharkiv, has already shipped humanitarian aid worth more than UAH 22.3 million and continues to help Ukrainians.



The Abril company has already resumed importing its products so that Ukrainian patients and the Ministry of Health of Ukraine can count on their help and support. Earlier, the company sent charity aid with antibiotics in the amount of about UAH 10 million.

In addition, IPMA joined the initiative of the President of Ukraine Volodymyr Zelensky UNITED24 and transferred UAH 500,000 in support of the Armed Forces of Ukraine on Independence Day of Ukraine.

“All our assistance is for the sake of the life and health of Ukrainians and for the approach of victory and peace in Ukraine. Despite all the challenges, Indian pharmaceutical companies in Ukraine continue to support Ukrainian patients by providing access to high-quality and affordable medicines and providing humanitarian assistance, as well as supporting their Ukrainian employees, providing access to labor and paying taxes,” IPMA said. Predicting the further development of the market, the association said that “the state of Ukraine is increasing the share of sales through government procurement, and in some places they also buy Indian drugs.”

“Indian pharmaceutical companies – members of IPMA are making significant efforts to effectively provide the healthcare system of Ukraine with the necessary medicines, maintain supply chains and partnerships,” the association said.

# BEGINNING OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR IN KYIV – WHAT SCHOOL EDUCATION WILL BE IN THE NEW CONDITIONS

Yesterday a new academic year began in Ukrainian schools. At the same time, due to the realities of martial law, the organization of the educational process in different regions differs significantly. Territorial became the determining criterion for choosing the form of education this year. According to Minister of Education Sergei Shkarlet, students are divided into categories depending on their place of residence at the start of the school year. Depending on this, the forms of education can be selected: full-time, distance, mixed, family, or external studies. In Kyiv, most schools will continue to use the traditional full-time form of education. According to the KMDA, about 68% of schools in the capital are equipped with shelters, the capacity of which will directly affect the number of students in the classes. This should be determined by a special commission. At the same time, according to the survey, about 70% of parents of Kyiv students choose the full-time form of education for their children.

Oksana Poenko, the founder and director of the Mainstream school in the capital, believes that the choice of the form of education in the current conditions should be individual.

“Now the safety of the child is of decisive importance, depending on this, the format of education can be different. If the school is equipped with a reliable shelter, then it can be even a safer place than a residential building where such shelter may not be,” she said.

According to Oksana Poenko, one should not forget about the traditional advantages and disadvantages of distance or face-to-face education.

“The best option for learning, in my opinion, is now a mixed form, when individual subjects can be taught remotely. The specifics of the course itself are of great importance. Some disciplines are much better perceived by students through the full-time form. We have implemented several concepts at our school as full-time. For example, there are specialized classes for older students, as well as an online school for distance education,” Poenko stressed.

In her opinion, the initiative of the Ministry of Education to reduce the number of students in classes and introduce two-shift education is correct not only for security reasons but also from a purely pedagogical point of view.

“Since 2016, the Mainstream School has been using a methodology to create a special social environment for students, when their individuality is maximally supported. It is optimal for a teacher to maintain communication with no more than 10 students during a lesson. Yes, there are state standards that say about 25-30 students, but, in my opinion, this is an outdated practice that should be abandoned long ago. In such a class, the teacher simply does not have time to pay enough attention to everyone, and this is very important for the development of the child's individuality,” Poenko said.



# Mainstream School

The Mainstream School was founded in October 2016. The purpose of creating an educational institution was the need for quality education for children. The school appeared as an alternative to the state one, and over the years of working with children, it can be said with confidence that studying in a private school of a new format has its advantages. And the increase in the number of students by 10 times suggests that the positive aspects of such education are obvious!

Education in the school is focused primarily on the quality of education and the preparation of the student. The educational process at the school is focused primarily on the quality of education and the preparation of the student. The level of education of the child meets not only the requirements of state standards but also the obligatory needs of a modern person – the ability for independent and harmonious development, self-learning, and self-organization.



# UKRAINE EXPORTS 3,96 MLN TONNES OF GRAIN SINCE EARLY 2022/2023 MARKETING YEAR

Since the beginning of the 2022/2023 marketing year (MY, July-June), Ukraine has exported 3.96 million tonnes of grain crops, including 2.49 million tonnes of corn (63% of total supplies), 1.14 million tonnes of wheat (29%) and 310,000 tonnes of barley (12%).

As reported on the website of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food on Wednesday, since the beginning of the current marketing year, the rate of grain exports has been 2.17 times lower than in the same period last year (in July 1-August 31, 2021, some 8.6 million tonnes were exported).

At the same time, according to the ministry, for the period of August 26-31, some 550,000 tonnes of grain crops were supplied to foreign markets (110,000 tonnes daily), while for the previous period, August 19-26, – 430,000 tonnes of grain crops (61,400 tonnes daily), on August 11-19 – 770,000 tonnes (96,200 tonnes daily), and on August 5-11 – 340,000 tonnes of grain crops (48,600 tonnes daily). Thus, the average daily export rates for the past reporting period increased by 1.8 times compared to the previous period.

In general, from the beginning of MY 2022/2023 to August 31, 2022, Ukraine exported 1.14 million tonnes of wheat (four times less compared to the same date in MY 2021/2022), 310,000 tonnes of barley (8.9 times less), 500 tonnes of rye (25 times less) and 11,900 tonnes of flour (two times less).

In total, 310,000 tonnes of corn, 202,000 tonnes of wheat, 36,000 tonnes of barley, 100 tonnes of rye and 1,800 tonnes of flour were delivered to foreign markets for the period of August 26-31.



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