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BRITAIN AND CANADA BACK TRUMP'S EFFORTS, STRESSING THAT PEACE MUST BE ACHIEVED WITH UKRAINE, NOT IMPOSED ON IT

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer spoke by phone with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney on Monday, during which both sides reaffirmed their unwavering support for Ukraine and the need to end Russian aggression.

"The Prime Minister spoke to the Prime Minister of Canada Mark Carney this afternoon. They discussed their unwavering support for Ukraine and ongoing work to stop the killing and end Russia's war of aggression. Both leaders underscored that Ukraine's future must be one of freedom, sovereignty, and self-determination," says a message published on the official website of the UK government.

They also praised international efforts led by US President Donald Trump to bring peace: "They welcomed continued international efforts, led by President Trump, to bring peace and agreed that this must be built with Ukraine - not imposed upon it."

Both leaders agreed they would continue to work closely with President Trump and President Zelenskyy over the coming days.

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UKRAINE'S NEW TRANCHE UNDER UKRAINE FACILITY PROGRAM INCREASED TO EUR3.2BN

The Council of the **European Union** has approved the fourth tranche of the Ukraine Facility program in the amount of more than EUR3.2bn, while its size was previously determined at around EUR3.05bn.

“*The objective is to support Ukraine's macro-financial stability as well as its recovery, reconstruction and modernization,” the EU Council said in a statement.*

As reported, the size of the tranche was reduced from the planned EUR4.5bn due to delays in the implementation of 3 out of 16 indicators that Kiev had to fulfill according to the Ukraine Facility's Ukraine Plan: the laws on the territorial organization of executive power (the so-called “decentralization reform”) and on the ARMA reform, as well as the selection of 25 judges for the Supreme Anti-Corruption Court in a competition in which only 2 candidates reached the finish line.

At the same time, the head of the Economy Ministry, Oleksiy Sobolev, noted that Ukraine will fulfill two of the three indicators (laws) before September, which will make it possible to receive EUR1.1bn tentatively in early November. The European Union remains the largest donor of budget support for Ukraine – EUR53.5bn over more than three years, the Finance Ministry also noted.

69% OF UKRAINIAN CITIZENS ‘IN FAVOR’ OF NEGOTIATED END TO WAR – GALLUP

A new poll shows that some 69% of respondents in Ukraine believe their country should seek an early negotiated end to the war with Russia, data obtained by the American Institute for Public Opinion Research Gallup shows.

“*In the latest Gallup poll in Ukraine, conducted in early July, 69% of respondents favored an early negotiated end to the war, while 24% support continuing the fight until victory,” the organization's website says.*

The survey also shows that Ukrainians' hopes of joining **NATO and the European Union** have faded and support for the US leadership has plummeted, Ukrainians still see the EU, the UK and the US as key players in ending the war. However, most doubt this will happen anytime soon.

“Although the vast majority of Ukrainians now favor a negotiated end to the war as soon as possible, most are skeptical that active fighting will end anytime soon. One in four (25%) believe that active hostilities are likely to end within the next 12 months, although only 5% consider this “very likely.” More than two-thirds (68%) believe that active hostilities are unlikely to end within the next year,” the survey says.

It is noted that Ukrainians' views on the US as a military ally have changed dramatically since the first months of the war.

“In 2025, 16% of Ukrainians approve of US leadership, while 73% express disapproval, a record high. All the goodwill that Washington accumulated in 2022, when 66% approved of U.S. leadership, has disappeared,” the institute reports.

Despite the sharp disapproval of US leadership, a majority of Ukrainians still believe Washington has a significant role to play in ending the war. “70% believe that the US should play a ‘significant role’ in peace talks, which is in line with views relative to EU countries (75%) and the UK (71%).” Although some negotiations have recently taken place in Turkey, 55% of Ukrainians support its significant involvement, which is much lower than support for the EU, the UK and the US,” the pollsters inform.



UKRAINE INCREASED IMPORTS TO \$45.9 BLN

Imports of goods from Ukraine in January-July 2025 amounted to \$45.9 billion in monetary terms, which is 17.4% more than in the same period of 2024, while exports grew by 2.7% from \$22.6 billion to \$23.2 billion, according to the State Customs Service (SCS).

“At the same time, taxable imports amounted to \$34.7 billion, which is 76% of the total volume of imported goods. The tax burden per 1 kg of taxable imports in January-July 2025 was \$0.52/kg,” according to a publication on the agency’s Telegram channel on Thursday.

“*Traditionally, the largest importers of goods to Ukraine were China (\$9.9 billion), Poland (\$4.4 billion), and Germany (\$3.7 billion). The largest exporters from Ukraine were Poland (\$2.9 billion), Turkey (\$1.9 billion), and Italy (\$1.3 billion).*

It is noted that in the total volume of goods imported in January-July 2025, 68% were machinery, equipment, and transport – \$18 billion (during customs clearance, 112.7 billion hryvnia, or 29% of customs payments, were paid to the budget), chemical industry products – \$7.3 billion (57 billion hryvnia, or 15%), fuel and energy – \$5.9 billion (105.5 billion hryvnia, or 27%).

The top three most exported goods also remain unchanged: food products (\$13 billion), metals and metal products (\$2.6 billion), machinery, equipment, and transport (\$2.2 billion).

During the seven months of customs clearance of goods subject to export duties, UAH 159.1 million was paid to the budget.

OVER 18,000 NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED IN UKRAINE IN FIRST HALF OF YEAR

Almost as many new companies were opened as last year, while closures increased by 19%

Over 18,000 new companies were registered in Ukraine in the first half of 2025, according to the Unified State Register. This is almost as many as in the same period last year, but a third less than before the start of the full-scale war. Despite the fact that the number of openings remained at the same level, the number of closures increased slightly: +19% compared to the same period last year. Ninety-seven newly created companies ceased operations this year without even lasting six months. Eight hundred eighty-six companies have already been registered by a mass founder this year.

18,277 new companies were registered in Ukraine in the first half of 2025. New business openings have stabilized — almost as many new businesses opened during the same period last year. However, it has not yet been possible to reach the figures seen before the full-scale war: in the first half of 2021, 1.6 times more legal entities were registered. Not everything is so stable with closures: over the year, they increased by 19%. Since the beginning of the year, 6,653 businesses have closed. The net increase is 11,624 companies, which is the lowest figure in the last five years. It is worth noting that 97 newly created companies ceased operations without even lasting six months. This is slightly more than last year (92), but significantly less than in 2021, when there were as many as 264.

“*Almost a third of all new businesses opened in the capital (5,830 companies). Next came Lviv region with 1,547 companies and Dnipropetrovsk region with 1,531 companies.*

At the same time, the highest number of closures occurred in the same regions. Kyiv leads with 717 companies, followed by Lviv region with 470 enterprises and Dnipropetrovsk region with 464 companies.

The absolute record for the size of the authorized capital among newly established companies in 2025 was set by the Ukrainian-Italian partnership company VelAlliance, which plans to operate in the construction sector. Its capital is UAH 14.4 billion.

Most new businesses in Ukraine are engaged in wholesale trade, accounting for 15% of registrations. In second place are public organizations, followed by real estate, IT, and the agricultural sector. At the same time, the IT sector is growing the fastest, with a 48% increase in new registrations over the year.

NATIONAL BANK WANTS TO STRENGTHEN SUPERVISION OF CRYPTOCURRENCY EXCHANGE

The National Bank of Ukraine (NBU) has identified cases of unlicensed activity in the non-bank financial services market, in particular the exchange of cryptocurrencies for currency, money transfers, and the provision of loans, and will strengthen its supervision in this area.

“*We are working systematically to limit any opportunities to use the banking and payment infrastructure to serve the shadow economy (...) We will intensify our activities in the future,” NBU Governor Andriy Pyshnyy said on his Facebook page.*

He stressed that de-shadowing will contribute to the formation of a sustainable investment resource for the economy, and also announced the launch of a new area of work for the NBU – identifying unlicensed activities in the non-bank financial services and payment markets.

“Unfortunately, we see that outside the legal field of Ukraine and the relevant supervision of the NBU, citizens are being offered services that have the characteristics of financial services: transfer and issuance of funds, provision of loans, exchange of cryptocurrencies for currency,” Pyshny wrote.



MEMORANDUMS AND AGREEMENTS WORTH ALMOST \$1BN HAVE BEEN SIGNED BETWEEN JAPANESE AND UKRAINIAN BUSINESSES IN JAPAN

Within the framework of the forum in Japan between businesses signed memorandums and agreements for almost \$1 billion, said Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine Taras Kachka.

“*We have calculated that the total cumulative number of those memorandums, documents signed between businesses reaches almost \$1 billion. Dialogue with Japan is systematic, systematic and very meaningful,” Kachka said on the air of the national telethon on Tuesday.*



Earlier in the Office of Deputy Prime Minister said that on the margins of the forum Ukraine and Japan signed 29 important agreements, in particular agreements on the implementation of joint projects in agriculture and food industry, infrastructure and construction, technology and innovation.

As reported, on August 3, a delegation headed by Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration Taras Kachka arrived in Japan to take part in the event dedicated to the National Day of Ukraine at Expo 2025 in Osaka, Japan.

PRIVATE EQUITY FUND FROM CENTRAL ASIA HAS BOUGHT UKRAINIAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY WATZENRODE

A private equity fund from Central Asia – Brickstone Private Equity Fund CEIC Ltd (Kazakhstan) – has acquired Ukrainian construction company Watzenrode.

“As of July 15, 2025, I am no longer a shareholder of Watzenrode. This large company, which I founded in 2013, has grown to become a key player in the Ukrainian construction and now renovation market, showing stable growth even in wartime. The new owner, a private equity fund linked to the largest construction group in Central Asia, has multi-billion dollar revenues,” founder Ilyas Ertle said on LinkedIn.

According to YouControl, Brickstone Private Equity Fund CEIC Ltd (Kazakhstan) became the new owner with a 100% stake.

“With the change of management, Watzenrode has effectively become the construction company with the strongest financial backing in Ukraine. This creates an environment that sets Watzenrode up for success and for becoming a central player in the reconstruction of Ukraine,” Ertle wrote.

The team will continue to be led by Oleksandr Gura, Ilyas Ertle remains on the board of directors at the suggestion of the new shareholder.

Watzenrode provides design, construction and engineering services in the roles of contractor, general contractor and technical customer. In particular, the company was a subcontractor for the construction of the confinement of the Chernobyl nuclear power plant, realized together with NEFCO the project of renovation of the water supply system in Borodyanka, was selected as a general contractor for the expansion of the UNBROKEN Ukraine clinic in Bryukhovichi near Lviv at the end of 2024, etc.

UKRAINE REDUCED ROLLED STEEL PRODUCTION BY 2.8% IN FIRST SEVEN MONTHS OF 2025

Ukrainian metallurgical enterprises reduced total rolled steel production by 2.8% in January-July 2025 compared to the same period last year, to 3.622 million tons, according to operational data from the Ukrmetallurgprom association. Steel production during this period decreased by 7% to 4.263 million tons.

In July 2025, Ukraine produced 552,000 tons of rolled steel and 580,500 tons of steel, compared to 563,000 tons and 621,400 tons in June.

For comparison, in 2024, rolled steel production increased by 15.8% to 6.222 million tons, and steel production by 21.6% to 7.575 million tons. In 2023, rolled steel production grew by only 0.4%, while steel production decreased by 0.6%.



UKRAINIAN COMPANIES CONTINUE TO RELOCATE TO GERMANY, POLAND, BULGARIA, ROMANIA, AND SLOVAKIA

The relocation of Ukrainian businesses abroad, which in 2022 took the form of emergency evacuation, is becoming strategic planning to diversify risks, enter EU markets, and ensure business continuity, according to Kateryna Danilova, partner at **Barristers Law Firm**.

“While in 2022 relocation was often an emergency evacuation, it is now taking on the characteristics of strategic planning with the aim of diversifying risks, entering EU markets, and ensuring business continuity,” she told the Interfax-Ukraine news agency.

“*Danilova noted that “since the start of the full-scale invasion, Ukrainian businesses have kept up their interest in relocation, although it’s changed depending on what’s happening on the front lines and the overall economic situation.”*

According to the lawyer’s observations, the information technology (IT) sector is the most active in terms of relocation, due to its mobility, focus on global markets, and minimal dependence on physical assets.

“For IT companies, relocation often means opening offices in EU countries to retain their teams, which also allows them to guarantee continuity and stability of services to their clients and simplifies access to international financial infrastructure. Many companies based in Diia.City are setting up overseas hubs while keeping a significant part of their development in Ukraine,” she said.

In addition, according to Danilova, manufacturing companies in light industry, woodworking, component manufacturing, and the food industry are also very active in relocation.

“The main driver for them is the desire to protect production facilities from physical destruction, bring production closer to European consumers, expand the sales market, etc.,” she said.

Agrarian and processing enterprises are also active in relocation, seeking opportunities to create processing capacities in neighboring EU countries to gain access to the market without logistical complications at the border.

In addition, these are companies in the creative industry, consulting, and marketing, which, like IT, are mobile and actively integrating into the European market.

Commenting on the geography of relocation, Danilova noted that the choice of a relocation country depends on many factors, including geographical proximity, logistics, business conditions, the availability of support programs, the tax climate, and cultural and linguistic similarities.

Currently, the main destinations for Ukrainian businesses are Poland, which leads in the number of relocated Ukrainian companies, and Germany, where Ukrainian businesses are attracted by economic stability, access to the largest EU market, and high purchasing power, although this country is “characterized by a higher level of bureaucracy and tax burden.”



KYIVSTAR INVESTED RECORD 3.9 BLN UAH IN DEVELOPMENT

Kyivstar, Ukraine's largest mobile operator, increased its EBITDA in April-June 2025 by 23.5% compared to the same period last year, to 6.90 billion UAH, while its revenue grew by 25.8% to UAH 1.86 billion due to significant growth in the telecommunications and digital technology segments.

"EBITDA margin was 58.2% (-1.1 p.p. compared to the same period last year), reflecting a higher share of direct digital revenues after the consolidation of Uklon. In the second quarter, there was pressure on expenses, including an increase in utility, consulting, and IT support costs," according to the report published by the parent company VEON on Thursday.

According to the report, EBITDA for the first half of the year increased by 39.5% to UAH 12.85 billion, while revenue increased by 36.1% to UAH 22.58 billion.

It is noted that Kyivstar increased its capital investments in the second quarter of 2025 by 72.8% to UAH 3.93 billion, and for the first half of the year by 89.8% to UAH 6.35 billion.

"Capital investments of 33.2% (of revenue) in the second quarter of 2025 and 28.2% in the first half of 2025 underscore Kyivstar's accelerated reinvestment in its existing business to maintain its technological leadership amid the ongoing war," VEON emphasized.

The company specified that in dollar terms, EBITDA grew by 18.6% in the second quarter to \$166 million, while revenue increased by 20.8% to \$286 million, while for the first half of the year as a whole, they increased by 31.5% to \$309 million and 27.9% to \$542 million, respectively.

According to the report, the total number of mobile subscribers decreased by 4.5% compared to the same period last year and amounted to 22.4 million, reflecting the continued migration of customers amid the conflict.

The decline in the 4G user base was smaller, at 1.2% to 14.4 million, while the number of customers using service packages increased by 23.7% compared to the same period last year and currently stands at 6.5 million, or 31.7% of total subscribers, as demand for bundled services remains high.

OSCHADBANK PUTS RAMADA ENCORE UP FOR AUCTION FOR UAH 798 MLN

State-owned Oschadbank (Kyiv) has put the Ramada Encore hotel and the Europa business center up for sale through the OpenMarket (SE "SETAM") the Ramada Encore hotel and the Europa business center under a financial leasing procedure, setting the initial value of the capital property at over UAH 797 million.

"The bank's statement notes that the administrative and hotel complex with a total area of 39,590 square meters and a two-level parking lot of 17,500 square meters is being auctioned off under financial leasing terms. The property includes a 22-story four-star Ramada Encore hotel and the Europa business center."

The hotel has 332 rooms and 58 apartments, and its infrastructure includes a conference center of over 4,000 square meters with 20 conference rooms, a two-level parking lot, fitness centers, and restaurants.

The property is located in Kyiv on Stolychne Shosse, 103, at the intersection of three major highways in the direction of Obukhiv and Koncha-Zaspa, which ensures high traffic and accessibility.

According to the terms of the auction, the starting price of the financial lease property is UAH 797.7 million.

The winner of the auction will be determined by the highest bid for the amount of the first lease payment, which participants will submit during the auction. The bid increment is UAH 1 million.

The term of the financial lease is 10 years (120 months), with a schedule of subsequent payments specified in the lot documentation. The lessor's remuneration is 8.59% per annum, calculated on the outstanding balance. To participate in the auction, a guarantee payment of UAH 10 million must be made.

The auction is scheduled for August 19, 2025.

As reported, Wyndham Hotel Group (WHG) opened its largest four-star hotel under the Ramada Encore brand in June 2012 as part of the Stolychny multifunctional complex (formerly Domosfera) at 103 Stolychne



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ANTIMONOPOLY COMMITTEE OF UKRAINE HAS ALLOWED GERMAN COMPANY TO BUY INTERMODAL TERMINAL IN ZAKARPATTIA

The Antimonopoly Committee of Ukraine (AMCU) has allowed German logistics company Hamburger Hafen und Logistik AG (HHLA) to buy the intermodal terminal of Eurobridge Intermodal Terminal LLC, located in Batyevo, Zakarpattia region. The relevant permission was published on the AMCU website on August 7.

As previously reported, the new terminal will operate under the name HHLA Eurobridge Batiovo as a joint venture between HHLA International GmbH and Ukrainian investment company Fortior Capital LLC. HHLA will acquire a controlling stake and, together with its subsidiary METRANS, will continue to develop the terminal.

It is noted that the HHLA Eurobridge Batiovo terminal is located near the border with the EU at the intersection of several international railway corridors, in particular, Ukraine, Hungary, and Slovakia. Thanks to its access to standard (1,435 mm) and broad (1,520 mm) gauge tracks, the terminal is a good solution for connecting European and Ukrainian logistics networks.

ELECTRIC CAR SALES IN UKRAINE INCREASED BY 41% OVER YEAR

The total volume of the electric vehicle segment (imports of new and used vehicles and domestic resales) amounted to 9,700 in July 2025, which is 41.1% more than in July 2024 and 9.8% more than in June this year, according to the Automotive Market Research Institute.

“This is a historic record for our market, and there are three main drivers: rising fuel prices at gas stations, a general trend of growing interest in electric vehicles (which consists of improving their characteristics and reducing market prices), as well as the approaching customs clearance from VAT, which is scheduled for January 1, 2026,” the statement on the website says.

New electric cars accounted for 16% of this volume (1,552 units), while in July 2024 the share was 14.3%. At the same time, their sales increased by 58%.

“This is a new record for newly registered electric vehicles,” experts say.

Imports of used electric cars in July increased by 38% compared to July 2024, amounting to 5,154 units, and domestic resales increased by 38.8% to 3,010 units.

According to the Institute, compared to June this year, imports of new electric vehicles increased by 11.2%, used ones by 9.7%, and domestic resales by 9.4%.



LVIV INVEST FORUM 2025 — MAIN INVESTMENT EVENT OF AUGUST IN LVIV

August 29–31, 2025 — Lviv will host Lviv Invest Forum 2025, one of the key investment events of the year.

The forum will bring together over 1,000 participants, investors, entrepreneurs, government officials, and international partners to discuss the most pressing challenges and opportunities for investment in Ukraine.

Focus 2025: “Invest wisely. Grow with the community.”

This year's theme is conscious investment and sustainable private capital development.

This is not just an event, but a living platform for networking, launching joint projects, and strategic dialogue between business, government, and investors.

What can you expect?

- 3 days of intensive program: panel discussions, presentations, pitches, and Invest Expo
- 50+ speakers — entrepreneurs from Forbes TOP 100 Ukraine, leaders in IT, development, finance, medicine, franchising
- Investment cases: real estate, alternative investments, technology, creative economy
- Closed investment sales and networking zones
- Invest Expo — an exhibition area for brands, investment projects, and financial services

Speakers include:

- Volodymyr Poperechnyuk (Nova Poshta)
- Garik Korogodsky (Dream)
- Taras Kitsmey (SoftServe)
- Ruslan Shostak (Eva, Varus)
- Andriy Fedoriv (Fedoriv)
- Andriy Zhurzhiy (Inzhur)
- Mykola Kmit (Play, Saint Charbel)
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- and over 40 other experts who shape the Ukrainian economy every day.

Organizers and partners

The forum is organized by the Lviv Invest Forum team in partnership with leading Ukrainian businesses.

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Resident Development — a development company that has been changing the urban environment of Lviv for 9 years, combining comfort, quality, and investment attractiveness.

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- For investors looking for new niches and ready to invest in Ukraine
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- For startups, franchises, and IT companies looking for partners
- For the business community that wants to be at the center of change

Details and participation

Official registration: <https://lviv-invest.com>

Dates: August 29–31, 2025

Locations: Emily Resort, Lviv. (Day 3 – Derevach village)

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Lviv Invest Forum 2025 is a place where businesses find partners and investments find meaning. Join us to be at the center of the new economy.

RUUKKI VENTILATED FACADES RECEIVE GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL RATING

Ruukki ventilated facades now have a Global Warming Potential (GWP) rating, allowing architects and customers to monitor the environmental performance of materials and improve the sustainability of construction projects, according to [Rauta](#).

GWP, expressed in kilograms of CO₂ equivalent per square meter, makes it possible to compare the environmental performance of different building materials and assess their impact on climate change within the life cycle assessment of a building.

“*The availability of GWP allows customers to make informed choices in favor of the most environmentally friendly materials and earn additional points in certification according to international environmental standards LEED and BREEAM,” said Rauta Director Andriy Ozeychuk.*

GWP data is available on the pages of the corresponding Ruukki ventilated facade products.

Rauta is a Ukrainian company specializing in the supply and implementation of modern building solutions using sandwich panels, steel structures, and energy-efficient technologies.

As the official representative of Ruukki in Ukraine, the company implements projects in industrial, commercial, and civil construction.

UKRAINE RANKS 13TH IN WORLD IN PLUM PRODUCTION — VIDEO ANALYSIS BY EXPERTS CLUB

The Experts Club Information and Analytical Center conducted a study on plum cultivation (production) worldwide. A video analysis of the study is available on YouTube.

According to the results of 2023, Ukraine ranked 13th in the world in terms of plum production, according to a video graphic based on official data from the FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations).

The video review published by Experts Club shows the dynamics of plum production in 1991–2023 by country.

According to statistics, the leading positions are held by:

TOP 5 plum producing countries in 2023:

China — the undisputed leader, with almost 7 million tons,

Romania

Chile

Serbia

Turkey

The best indicator for Ukraine in recent years was 2021, when the country ranked 9th among the world's top plum producers. In 2023, the plum harvest in Ukraine amounted to more than 160,000 tons. The main regions for plum production are Zakarpattia, Vinnytsia, Lviv, and Chernivtsi regions.

Plums are used both fresh and for processing: dried plums, jams, juices, and pastila.

Despite military risks and the occupation of part of its southern territories, Ukraine retains its status as an important producer of stone fruits in Eastern Europe.

Global data on the production of major crops for 2024 is currently being processed and will be available within a month.

For more details, see the [video review at the link](#).

Experts Club is a platform for analytical video discussions, interviews, and reviews on key issues in economics, politics, medicine, security, and international relations. The project brings together leading experts, scientists, businesspeople, and public figures for in-depth analysis of current events.

The channel regularly features:

interviews with relevant specialists (economists, doctors, lawyers, diplomats),

expert panel discussions,

analytical videos and infographics (including those based on data from the UN, IMF, and FAO),

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The goal of the project is to form an independent expert community and develop a culture of analytics in Ukraine. The Experts Club YouTube channel is available at: youtube.com/@ExpertsClub

EU HAS CLOSED QUOTAS FOR DRY MILK FROM UKRAINE

As of August 1, 2025, Ukraine has exhausted its ability to export dry milk to the European Union, with butter and milk fats next in line, whose quotas will be exhausted in the third decade of August, according to Ekonomichna Pravda, citing information from the Ukrainian Dairy Industry Association (SMU).

“As of August 1, there is no possibility of exporting dry milk originating in Ukraine to the EU within the quotas. According to the European Commission, as of July 30, the quota (including volumes expected to be allocated) was more than 91% filled, with only about 0.28 thousand tons remaining out of a quota of 2.92 thousand tons,” the publication said.

According to the industry association, the volumes of dry milk already awaiting clearance at the EU border exceed the available quota. From August 1, it no longer makes economic sense to send consignments of dry milk to the EU – they will have to be returned.

Quotas for imports of butter and milk fats to the EU will last a little longer. Currently, they are already more than two-thirds full. If butter exports to the EU remain at the same level in the coming weeks, the quota could be filled by the beginning of the third decade of August.

LARGEST FISH PROCESSING PLANT IN EASTERN EUROPE HAS OPENED IN LVIV REGION

PJSC “Lviv Regional Production Fish Factory” has opened an innovative fish processing plant in Lviv region, according to the press service of the State Agency for Land Reclamation, Fisheries and Food Programs.

“According to the report, the plant's capacity of 6,800 square meters allows it to process up to 25 tons of raw materials and produce 12.5 tons of finished products daily. Both fish from its own farms and imported raw materials are used for production.

The plant has three levels: two production floors and a technical floor where the engineering systems are located. The space is divided into four main areas: ramps for loading raw materials and shipping finished products, “wet” rooms for processing raw, salted, and smoked fish, “dry” rooms for the production of once full production capacity is reached, 283 new jobs will be created. The company currently employs 82 people. Last year, it produced 1,382 tons of products and paid UAH 6.4 million in taxes to the budget.

Plans include expanding the export line, introducing biotechnologies for waste disposal, creating a related feed production facility, and entering new international markets.



SOYBEAN EXPORTS WILL FALL TO 2.7 MLN TONS DUE TO DUTIES AND LOWER HARVEST

Soybean exports from Ukraine in the 2025-2026 marketing year (MY, July-June) may decrease by more than a third and amount to about 2.7 million tons due to the expected reduction in crop production, the possible impact of export duties, and the continued attractiveness of processing, according to the information and analytical agency APK-Inform.

Experts recalled that Ukraine exported 3.97 million tons of soybeans during September-July 2024-2025 MY, which is 28% more than in the same period last year and set a new record for the season.

“*The significant increase in export rates was achieved primarily thanks to the record harvest of this crop in the country in 2024, as well as attractive prices and geographical proximity to key global importers,” analysts explained.*



At the same time, in their opinion, the record pace of soybean shipments in the summer may be stimulated by the expected introduction of a 10% duty on soybeans from September 2025, if the Ukrainian president signs the relevant bill.

Among the top buyers of Ukrainian soybeans in the current season, experts named Turkey (968,600 tons, up 39% from the previous season), Egypt (673,000 tons, down 31%), and the Netherlands (546,000 tons, up 2.7 times).

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