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Report Highlights:

Ukraine has recognized the equivalency of the EU's control system for products and raw materials of animal origin. This decision opens the Ukrainian market for all facilities that have an EU number. This decision simplifies access of EU product to Ukraine, and will lead to increased competition for U.S. suppliers.

General Information:

On April 30, 2014 the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food of Ukraine empowered an Order "On Recognition of Equivalency of the EU Control System for Manufacture and Circulation of Animal Origin Products and Raw Materials" No. 118 dd. April 1, 2014. This Order recognizes the official EU production and control systems for products of animal origin and raw materials as equivalent to Ukraine's system of food safety and quality.

This Order opens the way for product imports from facilities approved by European Commission and included in the appropriate registers. A European number is recognized as a necessary and sufficient condition for such imports. For products that are not included in EU registers, the Order provides two alternative options:

- Import from non-listed facilities can be allowed after individual inspection of such facilities by Ukraine's Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service with consecutive introduction into Ukraine's register of approved facilities;
- Recognition of the exporting country's competent authority equivalence after a system audit of the safety system.

The Order also updates definitions clarifying the need for an import permit. Cancellation of import permits for products of animal origin that were imported into Ukraine previously was adopted by the Ukrainian Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service earlier this year. Please refer to GAIN Report: [Ukraine Streamlines Animal Products Import Procedure Kiev Ukraine 3-18-2014](#).

FAS /Kyiv comment: In the past, U.S. competent authorities negotiated bilateral certificates that envisaged unrestricted exports of products of animal origin and raw materials from all federally inspected facilities. Thus, U.S. suppliers have never faced restrictions and individual inspections similar to their EU competitors. This new order levels the competitive field for U.S. and EU suppliers which will lead to increased competition in the Ukrainian market. More facilities from Germany and Poland will be able to ship pork and meat products which could result in shrinkage of the US market share. Competition for poultry products is not expected to increase significantly as domestic producers continue to increase production satisfying the lion's share of Ukrainian demand.