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Ukraine Proposes Import Licensing for Poultry and Lard

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Report Highlights:

Ukraine will require licensing of poultry, poultry fat and lard imports starting July 1st, 2011. Importers are encouraged to apply for licensing well in advance to keep trade flow uninterrupted.

Executive Summary

Ukraine is determined to re-introduce import licensing of selected products of animal origin. The GOU Decree # 420 establishing such a measure was adopted on April 4th 2011. This new regulation is widely discussed among importers and some have reportedly applied for their import license.

In accordance with the GOU's WTO obligation, Ukraine can use only automatic import licensing which does not establish a trade barrier. FAS/Kiev information is that some meat importers have already been able to receive import licenses. Previously the GOU stated that import licensing is required to keep track of imported products, to compile supply/demand estimates, and to aid in forecasting.

Background Information:

In Ukraine the list of products subject to import licensing is adopted annually. Usually in late December the GOU issues a Decree establishing the trade regime for the upcoming calendar year. The history of import product licensing has been turbulent in past years. In 2009 the GOU introduced licensing and then in June the GOU abolished import licensing of pork, poultry and lard. In 2008 no import licensing was in place while in 2007 the GOU licensed imports of live cattle, pigs, pork, beef, poultry and lard.

Goods Subject to import Licensing* according to Decree #420**

HS Code	Description	Market Value in 2010, mln. USD	US Sales in 2010, mln. USD
0207	Fowls (gallus domesticus), whole, fresh or chilled	176.6	29.4
0209	Pig and poultry fat, unrendered	36.4	0

**The licenses will be issued after approval from the Ministry of Agrarian Policy and Food*

***The Decree #420 amends another Decree that establishes import and export licensing and quotas – The Decree #1183 adopted on December 22nd, 2010.*