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Latest publications

[Dutch] Nieuwe Nederlandse Ministersploeg aangetreden

In januari 2022 werd in Nederland het kabinet Rutte IV beëdigd. Henk Staghouwer is de nieuwe Minister van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit (LNV) en Minister Christianne van der Wal richt zich binnen LNV op Natuur en Stikstof. Op het Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken (BZ) is Wopke Hoekstra aangetreden als nieuwe Minister van BZ en is Liesje Schreinemacher als Minister verantwoordelijk voor Buitenlandse Handel en Ontwikkelingssamenwerking. Beide Ministeries LNV en BZ spelen een centrale rol in de inzet en werkzaamheden van de landbouwteams wereldwijd op Nederlandse ambassades.

lees [hier](#) meer over wat dit betekent voor onze activiteiten.



COVID-19 Related News

Looking at the past few weeks, COVID-19 infections are decreasing in Ethiopia.

Ethiopia received large amount of Vaccines from various countries and has vaccinated about 4.9% of the country's population.

You interested to learn more about COVID-19 in Ethiopia? Please view [here](#) Ethiopia's COVID-19 status on [REUTERS COVID-19 Tracker](#).

Overview of Useful Documents

Customs Tariff Amendment No. 9 The customs tariff revised by the Ethiopian Ministry of Finance so it can be in line with the 2022 Version of the Harmonized System has been effective as of January 1st 2022. You may download the document [here](#)

Amendment on utilization of Export earnings and forex surrender requirement directives Revised directives can be found [here](#) and a short description about the changes can be read in the official website of [The Reporter Magazine](#) or [here](#)

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Short Newsflashes

Ethiopian Cargo launches new booking system



Africa's largest cargo service provider Ethiopian Cargo and Logistics Services has launched a new air cargo booking platform.

The new online system enables the airline's customers to check flight schedules, space availability, loadability of freight, and make real-time bookings.

Read more [here](#)

Push from banks on access to loans and debt settlement

Borrowers are now required to present their Political Violence and Terrorism Insurance Policy, also known as PVT, to access loans from some commercial banks if their collateral is a moveable asset.

An outcome of the tense political situation in the country, which has forced commercial banks to be vigilant against risks; the banks began to demand customers buy the policy coverage as a mandatory rule to access credit. You can read more in [this article](#).

On a similar but another note, the Governor of the National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) has issued a severe warning to borrowers to pay their debts that have been disregarded due to the war and Covid-19, according to [The Reporter Magazine](#).

Dr. Yinager Dessie, the Governor of Ethiopia's National Bank, said in a statement on the present circumstances that banks are having difficulty lending due to the country's current condition. Read the full [article](#) here.

Safaricom to Invest \$300 Million in Data Center Construction across Ethiopia

Safaricom Ethiopia said, it has begun constructing a \$100 million data center in Addis Ababa as part of the \$300 million investment plan that took place within the first year of operation as stated on [this](#) article. The structure has been built in China and transported to Addis via Djibouti. The business aims to build similar data centers in Adama and Dire Dawa as it expands operations.

Property Rights on Horizon for Private Seed Breeders

A regulation that will grant plant breeders intellectual property rights is in the making at the Ministry of Agriculture. Officials hope the move will pave the way for the private sector to produce improved plant varieties and contribute to an uptick in agricultural output. The draft regulation will be sent to the Council of Ministers for approval in less than two weeks.

Read more about this [here](#)

A new e-commerce platform to start in Ethiopia

A new e-commerce platform where all products are digitally present in Ethiopia is expected to start operation soon. The platform aims to put Ethiopia in a new digital economic lane. It features an end-to-end online ordering, electronic payment and delivery system. The e-commerce venture that is about to be launched is the result of a partnership between the Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba and an Ethiopian business.

Read the full article [here](#)

Beef Consumption Increased in Ethiopia



A recent study out of Australia, published in *Animals*, has analyzed data from 35 countries to see which ones have increased or decreased their consumption of meat from 2000 to 2019.

The study majorly revealed that consumption of beef only increased in Ethiopia, Israel, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Vietnam.

Read the full article [here](#)

Scarcity of fertilizer supply forces diplomacy

The Government of Ethiopia is forced to deploy diplomacy as prices of fertilizer in the international market more than doubles, threatening Ethiopia's foreign currency reserve. After repetitive international bids failed to fetch potential fertilizer suppliers, Ethiopian embassy in Russia is exerting efforts to directly access urea at factory prices.



The first round of international bids floated by the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) and the Ethiopian Agricultural Business Corporation (EABC) failed, mainly because the fertilizer in the international market was much higher than Ethiopia's USD600 million initial budget to import 20 million quintal/tons of urea and NPS. You can read more in [this article](#).

Government to introduce price discrimination in oil sector

The federal government is set to introduce price discrimination in the oil sector in the coming six months, a measure that will see the lifting of fuel subsidy for some vehicles with little importance for the public as mentioned on The Reporter [here](#).

Approved by the Council of Ministers earlier this week, the new rule is targeted to ease the burden created by the existing oil subsidy on the federal government's budget, which is spending at least seven billion birr every month due to a change in global price of fuel.

Ethiopia Coffee Export Earning Hits \$578mln During Half Year

Ethiopian Coffee and Tea Authority announced that 578 million USD has been obtained in the past six months from exporting coffee and China has become among top Ethiopia's coffee importers for the first time.

As to the information obtained from the authority, Ethiopia had exported 148 ton of coffee planning to send 123 tons.

Read the full article [here](#)

Ethiopia Operationalized National Warehouse Receipt System

The Ministry of Trade and Regional Integration of Ethiopia had launched a national Warehouse Receipt System /WRS/ in November 2021 according to the [article](#) here. After 17 years since the Warehouse Receipt System Proclamation was legislated in 2003. And the system is now fully operational.

The WRS is a legal regulatory framework for licensing and overseeing warehouses that can store the product of farmers and other value chain actors.

Warehouse receipts are negotiable instruments issued by warehouses to farmers that secures and guarantees the storage of a perishable commodity for a specific time period. Warehouse receipts serve as a transferable proof of ownership of a certain good.

Following this, Cooperative Bank of Oromia has started Collateralized Commodity Financing (CCF) for the first time in Ethiopia and financed the first warehouse receipt 0000001 to Hetosa Farmers' Cooperative Union on 15 January 2022. This loan will have a wide-ranging benefit to the community as farmers are no longer obliged to sell their crops during low seasons, says the bank on the [article](#) on the official website.

State shipping Enterprise Eyes Cold Chain Logistics Entry

The state shipping monopoly is closing in to acquire its maiden batch of refrigerated (reefer) containers as part of its expansion plans into cold chain logistics. The Ethiopian Shipping & Logistics Services Enterprise (ESLSE) executives are considering their options to buy 30 units of refrigerated containers from one of two companies bidding to win the contract.

The ongoing procurement is only part of a larger plan, according to Wondimu Denbu, deputy CEO of corporate services at the Enterprise. Read the full [article](#) here.



Central Bank Lifts Transfer Restrictions

The National Bank of Ethiopia (NBE) has removed the limits on bank transfers. Regulators restricted in January 2021, limiting account-to-account transfers to only five a week. "The restrictions have met their target," Solomon Desta, vice governor of financial institutions at the central bank, told Fortune. "The bank has decided to lift the restrictions to address the negative effects they were to entail." Read the full article [here](#)

Fuel contraband forces new strategy

In a bid to reduce fuel smuggled from Ethiopia to neighboring countries, the Ethiopian government is devising a new fuel supply strategy, which mandates quota based fuel distribution to regional states. Regional states have already embarked on studying the number of residents and fuel demands in each city and towns in their respective regions. Full article on the Reporter can be found [here](#)

Operations Resume for Land-related Services in Addis Ababa

The operation of land-related issues is now available in every sub-city starting Jan 21, 2022. The list of services for which the temporary ban has been lifted are listed on the [Business Info Ethiopia](#) website or in [here](#)

Investment Opportunities

Investment Opportunities in Ethiopia's Packaging Industry



There is an unmet and growing demand for packaging products in Ethiopia, according to a recent study by Manufacturing Africa, a programme funded by the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) that supports investment into the manufacturing sector.

Ethiopia will have a packaging manufacturing opportunity worth \$971 million by 2030, with more than 50% of the potential lying in packaging for the food and beverage sectors. There are an estimated 59 companies producing packaging in Ethiopia, focusing mainly on paper and plastics.

Read the full article on the Investment opportunities in [here](#)

Upcoming Event

Floriade Expo 2022 will open its gates in less than 3 months. To be a part of the Floriade Expo starting from 14th of April or to get more information about the event click [here](#)

Ethiopia's Large Untapped Bamboo Resources and its Business Opportunities

Potential investors and entrepreneurs have an array of opportunities to become pioneers of Ethiopia's bamboo businesses.

The Government of Ethiopia has accorded a high priority to the bamboo sector. The government proclaimed a 10-year strategy and action plan for bamboo sector development (2019 – 30) and with the support of the International Bamboo and Rattan Organization (INBAR).

The 2016 INBAR video that discussed the potential of bamboo in Ethiopia acclaimed Ethiopia's bamboo resource as the new green gold of Africa.



The full article can be found in the [Business Info Ethiopia](#) website or [here](#). Ethiopian Bamboo Development strategy and Action Plan can be found in [here](#)

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