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**To whom it may concern**

*On importation of live animals,  
their reproductive material, feeds, hay, straw,  
as well as animal by-products*

On November 24, 2019, the 6-month transition period is over ends and the Order of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy No 553 of 16.11.2018 “On approval of the Requirements for the import (shipment) to the customs territory of Ukraine of live animals and their reproductive material, food of animal origin, feed, seeds, hay, straw, and by-products of animal origin and products of their processing” (hereinafter - Order No 553), as previously notified to all trading partners of Ukraine and relevant agricultural associations.

Draft Order No 553 has been elaborated in 2016 with the participation of business representatives, professional associations and experts of the EU Technical Assistance project, taking into account international requirements as well as provisions of the European legislation regarding the approximation to the EU requirements. In addition, at the drafting stage of the Order 553, Ukraine considered transparency obligations under WTO membership and notified the draft document for the first time in 2016 under G/SPS/N/UKR/111; G/SPS/N/UKR/111/Rev.1.

With the issuance of Order No 553, the oldest Order of the State Department of Veterinary Medicine of the Ministry of Agrarian Policy of Ukraine of June 14, 2004 No 71 “On approval of Veterinary requirements for the import of objects of state veterinary and sanitary control and supervision” will no longer be in force.

Due to repeated requests of the competent authorities on the changes in the importation procedure into the territory of Ukraine of live animals and their reproductive material, foodstuffs of animal origin, feed, hay, straw, as well as by-products of animal origin and products of their processing, related with the entry into force of Order No 553, we inform the following.

*Import into the territory of Ukraine of live animals and genetic material* for which international veterinary certificates have been issued before 24.11.2019, is possible on the basis of the models of veterinary certificates, which were issued by the competent authorities of the exporting countries before the entry into force of Order 553.

Further import into the territory of Ukraine of live animals and reproductive material is possible either by accompanied by international veterinary certificates, bilaterally agreed between the competent authorities of the exporting country and Ukraine, or accompanied by international veterinary certificates that comply with the provisions of Order 553.

Tentative forms of international veterinary certificates, which comply with the provisions of Order 553, are available on the official SSUFSCP web site by the following link:

[http://consumer.gov.ua/ContentPages/Sertifikati\\_Na\\_Import\\_V\\_Ukrainu/98/](http://consumer.gov.ua/ContentPages/Sertifikati_Na_Import_V_Ukrainu/98/)

We would like to draw your attention to the fact that according to the provisions of Order 553 there are no rules on obligatory obtaining from the State Consumer Service preliminary permits, decisions, approvals for the import of live animals and reproductive material into the territory of Ukraine.

*Import to the customs territory of Ukraine of food of animal origin, feed, hay, straw, as well as by-products of animal origin and products of their processing* for which international (veterinary) certificates, that had been issued prior to 24.11.2019 is possible accompanying by veterinary certificates which were issued by the competent authorities of the exporting countries until Order 553 comes into force.

Further import into the territory of Ukraine is possible provided that they are accompanied by international (veterinary) certificates, the forms of which will be approved by the central executive authority, which ensures the formation and implementation of the state policy in the field of safety and certain indicators of food quality and in the sphere of veterinary medicine (Order of the Ministry of Economy), or provided that they are accompanied by forms of international (veterinary) certificates bilaterally agreed by the competent authority of Ukraine with the relevant authority of the exporting country (country of origin), those uploaded on the official SSUFSCP website in the section "International Cooperation" - "Veterinary and Food Safety" - "Certificates for Import to Ukraine".

Please bring this information to the interested stakeholders.

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