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### Information On the System of Sanitary Measures in Ukraine

The Governmental Commission on Ukraine's Accession to the WTO has submitted the following information on the system of sanitary measures in Ukraine, with the request that it be circulated to members of the Working Party.

The system of sanitary measures aimed at controlling products that may have a negative effect on people's health is based on the Law of Ukraine "On Ensuring Sanitary and Pandemic Safety of the Population" and on basic provisions of the legislation of Ukraine on health protection.

The Health Ministry of Ukraine has been authorized to act as the Central Government Executive body in the field of health protection.

The Health Ministry has been made responsible for developing hygiene and safety standards concerning products, works, technologies, services, and carrying out special measures aimed to maintain the people's proper state of health. These include developing scientifically grounded criteria, indicators and norms; designing methods of controlling compliance with such requirements; carrying out by State organs preliminary sanitary control at the stage of drafting and developing new technologies and products; deciding whether to permit importation and distribution of specific products in Ukraine or not; banning manufacturing, distribution and use of products that fail to meet established in Ukraine product safety standards; investigating causes of possible pandemic effects related to consumption of low-quality products; participating in actions aimed to combat epidemics.

These elements constitute a unique, consistent, scientifically-grounded and efficient system of control over product safety.

The Health Ministry of Ukraine accomplishes these tasks through its expanded network of sanitary centres, science and research institutes and institutions of higher learning. There has been created and put into operation a powerful system of the State Sanitary Service that includes laboratories, clinics and specialized research institutes which carry out up-to-date research projects in fields such as hygiene and toxicology.

For the time being, "sanitary certificates" are not used as official documents in Ukraine. In accordance with requirements contained in applicable effective laws, the Health Ministry has established that the only document that may certify safety of products is the certificate issued in accordance with procedure of the state hygiene and sanitary examination and based on the findings of such examination.

The State hygiene and sanitary examination is performed by bodies and agencies of the sanitary service in accordance with Articles 10-12 and 16 of the Law of Ukraine "On Ensuring Sanitary and Pandemic Safety of the Population."

The procedure for carrying out the hygiene and sanitary examinations by State sanitary bodies, as well as the list of specific products that are required to be examined by State sanitary bodies, agencies and organizations, are determined by the Order of Health Ministry of Ukraine No. 190 of 20 October 1995 "On Performing State Sanitary Examinations Concerning Development, Production and Use of Products Potentially Harmful to Health".

As to the levels of fees collected for sanitary examinations and issuance of necessary documentation, we hereby inform you that such are established in accordance with the document "Prices on additional services rendered to organizations, commercial, private and other firms, by State sanitary bodies", which must be approved by an order of a territorial State administration's price policy department.

Provision of such services on a fee basis is carried out under the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1138 of 17 September 1996 "On Approving the List of Services Provided by the State Health-Protection Institutions and Higher Medical Institutes" and Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 449 of 12 May 1997 "On Introducing Changes and Additions to the Order of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine of No. 1138 of 17 September 1996".

ANNEX 1

List of Products Importation or Documentation of which Require Obligatory Consideration  
by Bodies, Agencies and Organizations of the State Sanitary Service of Ukraine

Approved by the Order of the Health Ministry of Ukraine No. 190 of 20 October 1995  
Registered with the Justice Ministry, No. 6/1031

1. Equipment, installations and instruments functions of which are based on emission (radiation) of ions.
  - 1.1. Therapeutic and other instruments for detecting defects (including portable ones).
  - 1.2. Source radiation elements for radio-isotope instruments.
  - 1.3. Reference source radiation elements.
  - 1.4. Instruments, equipment, installations.
  - 1.5. Industrial installations generating ionizing radiation.
  - 1.6. Radio-isotope instruments.
  - 1.7. X-ray diagnostic equipment.
  - 1.8. Equipment and instrument control panels.
2. Materials used by households.
  - 2.1. Home chemicals.
  - 2.2. Cosmetics and perfumes.
  - 2.3. Plastics and other materials used in housing construction, clothing and shoe making, household expendable goods, furniture, etc.
3. Home appliances.
4. Materials used in transportation vehicles.
5. New synthetic materials, paints, glues, which are used in clothes and shoes, furniture items, sport gear, toys and fitness equipment for children, which have not been used before and documentation on which has not been agreed upon.
6. Food products, unprocessed food products, food additives.
  - 6.1. New products (new types of fish, sea food).
  - 6.2. Food produced from new untraditional types of products (such as concentrated albumen, some types of plants or animals, products of their reprocessing).

- 6.3. Food products produced with the use of principally new types of plants or animals, one-cell organisms, products of their reprocessing, or new technologies (biotechnology, electric field or ultrasound processing, etc.)
- 6.4. Food additives - natural or synthesized biologically active products that are added to food.
- 6.5. Children food.
- 6.6. Diet products, medical food products for prophylaxis of metabolic disturbance, etc.
- 6.7. Additives to animal feed that may affect food quality.
7. Materials that have contact with food products or drinking water.
  - 7.1. Synthetic and other materials used for packaging food or children toys.
8. Substances used in industry or agriculture, in chemical and related industries.
  - 8.1. New, not used in the production process before, raw materials, with which have direct contact people or product components that may affect people's health.
  - 8.2. Chemical substances and chemicals used for production purposes, materials used for welding, electrodes, materials used in fans, catalysts, fillings, etc.
  - 8.3. Construction materials and structures, varnish, paint, plastic materials, isolating materials for heat-proof or sound-proof structures used in building construction or repair.
  - 8.4. Synthetic materials and products for industrial use that have not been used before and documentation on which has not been approved yet.
  - 8.5. Packages and packaging materials for manual packaging of machines, instruments and equipment stored in facilities where people are permanently present.

ANNEX 2

List of Agreements on Cooperation of Ukraine in the Field of Veterinary

Name of the document	Country with which it was concluded	Date of concluding	Validity Term
1	2	3	4
Agreement on cooperation in the field of veterinary	Armenia Belarus Kazakhstan Kyrgyz Republic Moldova Russian Federation Tadjikistan Turkmenistan Uzbekistan	12 March 1993	For five (5) years
Agreement between the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Ukraine and the Ministry of Agriculture and Food of Poland on cooperation in the field of veterinary medicine	Poland	29 September 1994	For five (5) years
Agreement between Ukraine and the Slovak Republic on cooperation in the field of veterinary medicine	Slovak Republic	May 1993	For five (5) years
Agreement between Ukraine and the State Veterinary Service of the Lithuanian Republic on cooperation in the field of veterinary	Lithuania	5 May 1994	For five (5) years
Convention between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Turkey on cooperation in the field of veterinary	Turkey	27 November 1996	For five (5) years
Agreement between the Government of Union Republic of Yugoslavia and the Government of Ukraine on cooperation in the field of veterinary	Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)	-	For five (5) years
Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government the Czech Republic on cooperation in the field of veterinary	Czech Republic	28 January 1997	For five (5) years
Agreement between the Government of Ukraine and the Government of Bulgaria on cooperation in the field of veterinary medicine	Bulgaria	12 October 1994	For five (5) years

