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<u>Information on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures</u>

The Ministry of the Economy of the Republic of Kazakstan has submitted the following information.

Measures on Plant Quarantine

The Law of the Republic of Kazakstan "On Plant Quarantine" No. 344-1 of 11 March 1999, determines a legal basis and principles of implementation of the state plant quarantine measures, which are a part of the national security system of the Republic of Kazakstan.

It is provided in the Law, that the state plant quarantine phytosanitary service together with research organizations develops the quarantine measures on the basis of the international norms and recommendations, and also carries out control over the fulfilment thereof by physical and legal persons, irrespective of the forms of ownership.

A meaningful control system of all parts of the quarantine service is required in order to undertake urgent measures on strengthening of the quarantine service. In this connection, within the Apparatus of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakstan, the Department for protection and quarantine of plants has been established. In oblasts, quarantine control functions are performed by oblasts Departments for Protection and Quarantine of Plants of oblasts, city and regional administrations of the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Kazakstan, and also border and transport control stations.

The state single policy, which covers a wide circle of institutions and areas, such as: rural and forest economy, transport, trade, international cooperation etc., is implemented through this service. The service dealt with phytosanitary certification of agricultural, forest and other exported products pursuant to the international norms and requirements of the national quarantine services of the countries - importers. On the basis of the international information, the terms of import and utilization of product within country have been determined pursuant to the Convention, developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), a member of which is the Republic of Kazakstan.

The activity of the service is regulated by the following: the Law "On Plant Quarantine" No. 344-1 ZRK of 11 February 1999; the Law "On Introduction of Amendments and Supplements to the Code on Administrative Violations", No. 255-XIII of 14 December 1994; the Interstate Agreement on cooperation in the field of plant quarantine with CIS countries of 1992, as well as with Turkey, Mongolia, Romania; previously adopted governmental orders on quarantine of plants. The agreements between the Government of the Republic of Kazakstan and the Governments of China, Iran and Poland are at the stage of consideration.

Currently, the new Rules on protection of the territory of the Republic of Kazakstan from quarantine objects, complying with the international standards as well as the List of Quarantine

Objects, approved by Government of the Republic of Kazakstan in accordance with the Law "On plant quarantine", have been developed and coordinated with the ministries and institutions.

Measures on Veterinary Activity

The Decree of the President of the Republic of Kazakstan, which has the force of Law, "On Veterinary", No. 2376 of 25 July 1995 determines legal conditions of the activity of the veterinary bodies, organizations and experts. The Presidential Decree regulates the relations in the field of prevention and treatment of animal diseases, prevention of diseases common for animals and human beings, anti - epizootic measures, also establishes the bases for the veterinary supervision, determines legal conditions of the activity of the veterinary bodies, organizations and experts.

Being a member of the International Epizootic Bureau, and observing the requirements of the International Veterinary Code, the Republic of Kazakstan harmonizes national normative and legal basis with the requirements of the Code on the following issues:

- Notices and information on epizootic pathologies;
- International veterinary ethics in trade;
- Scientific justification of the risk level criteria;
- Procedural issues of the import and export of cattle-breeding cargoes, subject to control to by veterinary service;
- Classification of diseases and veterinary measures on them;
- Diagnostic tests in trade; and
- Veterinary certificate samples.

General Information

Names of publications or other editions, where draft documents shall be published:

The Ministry of Agriculture plans to begin publication of the Informational Bulletin in 2001.

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