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THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF AZERBAIJAN



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About the competent body and export of foodstuff to the European Union



The State Service on Control of Consumer Market is operating under the Ministry of Economic Development of Republic of Azerbaijan. Changes have been introduced to Decree #218 of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated April 1, 2005 on regulating of foodstuffs export from Azerbaijan to the European Union, by the decree of the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated May 12, 2006 the Ministry of Economic Development of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been specified as the single Competent Body on export of foodstuffs from Azerbaijan to the European Union.

The main goals of the State Service include: ensuring protection of consumers' rights, acting as a guarantor of quality and safety of products produced, imported and exported as well as sold in the domestic market, creating favourable conditions for free exit of national producers to international markets, in particular to the countries of the European Union, supporting business structures, laboratory services, marketing resources, instructing, consulting services, etc., in order to develop their business.

About the Competent Body and export of foodstuffs to the European Union

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- At the same time the State Service has been specializing in conducting experts' examinations to determine the quality of consumer commodities, the country of origin, safety and existing average market prices, in issuing documents on findings, in certifying foodstuffs exported to the European Union, in applying management systems (HACCP, ISO and etc.) on international food safety by production and processing enterprises.
 - To achieve the above mentioned goals, in accordance with the area of its activities and together with local and foreign organizations with the financial and technical support of donor organizations active in this field, we are planning the implementation of projects on providing training (training courses, seminars, acquiring experience from similar entities of foreign countries) to inspectors carrying out control, specialists on product quality control and safety, laboratory specialists of enterprises on adoption of the national legislation, the system of foodstuff standards, as well as trade regulation in line with the requirements of the European Union, World Trade Organization, Codex Alimentarius, ISO, on educating consumers and in other areas.

Bringing legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in line with the European Union legislation in this field

Pursuant to Paragraph 1 Article 43 of the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the European Union:

The parties shall recognize that the main condition for development of economic relations between the Republic of Azerbaijan and the European Union is bringing the current and future legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan in line with the EU legislation.

The Republic of Azerbaijan shall take efforts to ensure gradual streamlining of its legislation in line with the EU legislation.

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Azerbaijan is a country which is rapidly integrating into the global economy. It takes measures aimed at becoming a WTO member and developing non-oil trade.

As a part to this process, Azerbaijan has also established close relations with the EU countries in trade and commerce areas. To export products to the European Union, the legislation of the Republic of Azerbaijan has been put in compliance with the EU legislation.

The streamlining of legislation is not only a requirement of growing economy, but also a requirement to meet the commitments to the WTO. Of course, this also means creating favorable conditions for protection of consumers, attraction of investments, etc.

To effectively adopt and apply laws, Azerbaijan is implementing economic, social, regulatory reforms based on best international practices.

Caspian Sea – onshore waters

The Caspian Sea is one of the largest and closest water basins of the world with the surface area of 400,000 km². Its coastline is 7,225 km long, of which 2,320 km are the territory of Kazakhstan (31.8%), 1,930 km – that of Russia (26.5%), 1,200 km – Turkmenistan (16.5%), 1,000 km – Iran (13.7%), and 825 km are the territory of Azerbaijan (11.3%).

Economic potential of Fishing

In total 3.0 billion tons of sturgeon reserves have been estimated in the waters that belong to Azerbaijan, of which: 1.79 billion tons of long-nosed fish, 0.153 billion ton of white fish.

Total reserves of commercial sturgeon has been estimated being 8.99 billion tons, 3.86 billion tons – starred sturgeon, 1.15 billion tons - white fish.

Sturgeon spawning has been estimated being 95.0 tons: 84.0 tons – from starred sturgeon, 10.0 tons – from white fish.

Black caviar resources

Caviar is one of the key strategic export products of our country. Commercial fishing of sturgeon resource is specified by annual quotas by the CITES, UN

In the current year the quota defined by this organization for caviar is 6.250 tons. The key export market is the European Union countries.



EXPORT of SNAILS

Production, processing and export of snails -
aspersa, *lukorum* species - snail processing
products.



NUT AND NUT PROCESSING PRODUCTS



More than 20 fruit procurement and processing enterprises are operating now in the Republic of Azerbaijan

FRUIT PROCESSING AND JUICE PRODUCTION



More than 17 fruit processing and juice production enterprises are operating now in the Republic of Azerbaijan

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