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"CHRISTMAS BASKET" INDEX: HOW THE PRICE OF HOLIDAY TABLE PRODUCTS HAS CHANGED IN UKRAINE

The cost of a Christmas basket for Ukrainians in 2023 will increase by 11% compared to 2022, BRDO experts calculated. To prepare 12 traditional dishes, Ukrainians in 2023 will have to purchase products for an average of UAH 882. For comparison, in 2022, the average amount was UAH 796. Thus, the prices increased the most for honey (+29%), cabbage (+77%), fish (carp +32%, herring +26%), carrots (+19%). Interestingly, during the year some products became cheaper, in particular buckwheat (-59%), beets (-64%), onions (-41%). See the detailed infographic here (in Ukrainian).













THE MARKET FOR MEDICAL CANNABIS AND HEMP FOR INDUSTRIAL PURPOSES IS DEREGULATED

The Parliament of Ukraine adopted in its entirety the draft Law No. 7457 "On Regulation of the Circulation of Cannabis Plants", developed with the participation of the BRDO team. It will allow to implement in Ukraine the best world experience in the field of regulation of limited circulation of cannabis plants for medical, industrial purposes, scientific and technical activities. The document deals with the deregulation of the circulation of cannabis, cannabis resin, cannabis extracts and tinctures, as well as tetrahydrocannabinol (its isomers and their stereochemical variants). The law finally creates regulatory conditions for the legal limited circulation of cannabis in Ukraine, establishes control over the circulation of varieties of hemp plants (Cannabis) in certain areas of activity in accordance with the requirements of international law, and regulates requirements for business entities that can carry out operations related to with the circulation of hemp plant varieties. For several years, BRDO has been actively emphasizing the need to resolve the issue of medical cannabis and decriminalisation of technical (industrial) hemp. The BRDO team participated in the development of draft law No. 7457 and participates in the work of the IWG on deregulation, which recommended the draft law for adoption in the summer of this year.





HOW TO BECOME A MINE ACTION OPERATOR IN UKRAINE? INSTRUCTIONS FOR BUSINESS



Contamination of the territories of Ukraine with explosive objects is a challenge that our state should respond to today. According to the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, as of February 17, 2023, the total area of Ukrainian territories that may be contaminated by explosive objects due to the military aggression of the Russian Federation in Ukraine is about 174,000 km2. The capacity of existing mine action operators is not comparable to the scale of the current challenges. The primary task is to increase the number of such operators. The government is determined to stimulate the development of this market. To make the algorithm for opening such a business clear and convenient for future operators, the BRDO team, together with the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, prepared stepby-step instructions for the state infoservice #StartBusinessChallenge. Details <u>here</u>.



#STARTBUSINESSCHALLENGE







E-ENTREPRENEUR IN ACTION – THE ONLINE BUSINESS OPENING SERVICE LAUNCHED

This service allows you to get the services you need to run your own business with one application. e-Entrepreneur contains 8 services for business, including: registration as a private entrepreneur, opening a bank account, registration of a fire declaration, tax services and others. From now on, you won't have to go to different institutions, collect certificates and extra papers to get services - you just need to have a gadget and 20 minutes of free time. Since 2017, BRDO has systematically worked on implementing the idea of opening a business online. The result of this work together with the Ministry of Digital Transformation and the EU4DigitalUA project was the launch of the comprehensive electronic service "e-Entrepreneur". How to use the service? Read in our explanation.



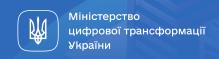






WHAT WILL THE UKRAINE OF THE FUTURE BE LIKE? MINISTRY OF DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND MINISTRY OF EDUCATION PRESENTED THE GLOBAL INNOVATION VISION

The goal is to strengthen the Ukrainian innovation system and the development of the corresponding state policy. The key factor for rapid reconstruction and transformation of the country is innovative entrepreneurship. The global vision defines the development vectors of the innovative future and sets key priorities. The focus is on improving the defence and technical sector, improving the quality of life of citizens through modern medical and biotechnological solutions, ecological reconstruction with an emphasis on "green" trends, smart city technologies and urbanisation, human capital development, support for digital literacy and STEM education, as well as development of an economy without borders. The global innovation vision of Ukraine contains four sections: "Innovations today", "Innovations of the future", "Innovation vision of Ukraine 2030" and "Innovation strategy". The detailed analytical document on more than 100 pages covers all sectors and is available at the link: https:// winwin.gov.ua. The Ministry of Digital Transformation announces a public discussion of the strategy. Join the discussion - send suggestions and comments to <u>questions@winwin.gov.ua</u>. The BRDO team is happy to act as a partner in the development of the strategy.







A NEW DEREGULATION REFORM WEBSITE HAS BEEN LAUNCHED

A new website has been launched, thanks to which every Ukrainian can learn about the key issues of the deregulation reform https://deregulation.me.gov.ua/. Already 11 months large-scale deregulation of the economy is underway in Ukraine: the government is reducing its control over business activities, cancelling or optimising outdated and ineffective licenses, permits, approvals. In January 2023, the Interdepartmental Working Group on Issues of Accelerated Review of Instruments of State Regulation of Economic Activity (IWG on Deregulation) was created for this purpose. The result of the reform should be a significant facilitation of business for Ukrainian entrepreneurs. How does the IWG work? What decisions are made at its meetings? What is the current state of the legislative documents that are being developed to implement the decisions of the IWG? The updated resource provides answers to each of these questions. The resource is developed as part of the EU4business: SME Policies and Institutions Support (SMEPIS) project, implemented by Ecorys in a consortium with GIZ, BRDO and Civitta. Also within the scope of the project, BRDO joins the work of the IWG.







DEREGULATION REFORM NEWS: WHAT DID THE IWG ON DEREGULATION WORK ON AT THE LAST MEETING?

The review of the system of state supervision and control has begun. The reform of the activity of state inspections aims to rebuild the system of inspections from punitive to preventive, increase the service component of control and optimise the number of state inspections and their areas. Also, during the meeting, the preliminary concept of reforming the environmental protection sphere was presented. As a result, the main function of environmental supervision bodies should change from holding harmful enterprises accountable to stopping environmental damage. In general, the IWG as part of reforming the work of state supervision and control bodies plans to review the work of 50 supervisory bodies in 126 areas of their activity. With the support of the USAID Program "Competitive Economy of Ukraine", BRDO prepares analytics on the feasibility of maintaining or cancelling regulations, participates in meetings of the IWG and the development of relevant regulatory and legal acts. Read details about the reform of each direction in our material.



THE IWG REVIEWED ALL INSTRUMENTS OF STATE REGULATION OF STATE SANITARY NORMS

Ukrainian state sanitary norms, rules, and hygienic standards (SanPiN) contain a large number of state regulatory instruments (approvals, certificates, licenses, etc.), most of which no longer make any sense and only burden the activities of entrepreneurs. SanPiN are mandatory for the implementation of the legislation of the central executive body, which ensure the formation of state policy in the field of health care, establish medical safety requirements for the life activity environment and its individual factors. Their non-compliance creates a threat to the health and life of a person and future generations, as well as the threat of the emergencies and spread of infectious diseases and mass noninfectious diseases (poisoning) among the population. According to the results of the last meeting, the IWG on deregulation reviewed the above-mentioned instruments and made the following decision: 1) only 10% of them are still relevant; 2) it is recommended to cancel the remaining 74%, and to modernize 16%. Why does Ukrainian business need this review and which tools will be cancelled and optimised? Read in our material.









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Tools in general

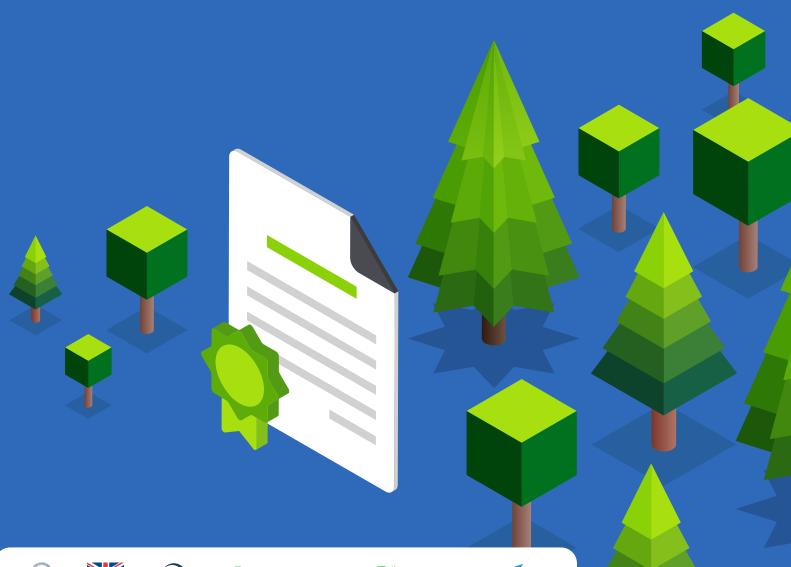






THE FIRST E-CERTIFICATE ON THE ORIGIN OF WOOD WAS ISSUED

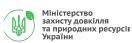
The first e-Certificate about the origin of wood was generated on the Single ecological platform EcoSystem. This innovation is another step in the comprehensive reform of the forest sector of Ukraine, which the BRDO team has been working on for the past 7 years. Now, in order to obtain the Certificate and confirm the legality of the wood, the business does not need to physically submit an application and documents for registration, and then pick up the Certificate in paper form. Why it is important and how to get an e-Certificate – find out here-certificate – find out <a href="https://example.com/here-certificate-certificate-certificate-certificate-certificate-certificate-certificate-certificate-certificate-certificate-ce

















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