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### Ukraine Cancels Import Licensing for Poultry and Lard

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**Report Highlights:**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine canceled import licensing of poultry, poultry fat, and lard imports starting January 1, 2014. The licensing was automatic and non-restrictive although constituted an additional bureaucratic obstacle for trade in these products.

## General Information:

### Executive Summary

An annual review of products subject to import licensing conducted by the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine resulted in cancelation of licensing for poultry, poultry fat, and lard. This cancelation follows from Decree 950 adopted on December 25, 2013 and officially published in the mass media.

Import licensing for these products was introduced in the middle of 2011. For more information see our GAIN Report [UP1114](#). Officially the licensing was introduced for better agricultural policy planning and food security. In practice licensed volumes had little relevance to actual imports, as importers generally requested high volumes to simplify paperwork. FAS Kyiv investigated the policy after introduction, and reported that importers did not find it restrictive, but noted that it was an additional bureaucratic step and redundant procedure used in parallel to veterinary import permits issued by the State Veterinary and Phytosanitary Service.

Cancelation of import licensing will simplify access of U.S. products to Ukraine's market.

### Goods Subject to Import Licensing in 2011-2013 (Jan-Oct., 2013)

HS Code	Description	Market Value, Mln. USD	Imports from the U.S. Mln. USD
0207	Fowls (gallus domesticus), whole, fresh, frozen or chilled	82.7	14.9
0209	Pig and poultry fat, unrendered	56.6	0

Source: State Statistics Committee of Ukraine