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UKRAINE- PRIORITY DEREGULATION MEASURES

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1. Business Registration

Simplify business registration to a single-step. Only two documents should be needed: application and registration. Process should not take more than one week.

2. Business Licensing

Reduce number of business activities subject to licensing from 90 to 34 or less. Processing time less than 30 days from application.

3. Business Inspections

Reform business inspection procedures to conform to international standards in terms of frequency, transparency, accountability, due cause for seizures, and appeal processes.

4. Provision of Utilities (& post-registration services)

Facilitate the provision of water connections, electricity, telephone, fire inspections, etc by municipalities.

5. Transportation of Goods within the Country

Eliminate administrative barriers on trade and goods transportation within and across oblasts. Prohibit the seizure of goods by local authorities (grains), including the railways and police, except under court order.

6. Property Rights.

Remove constraints on purchasing and leasing of commercial premises, land, and housing

7. International Trade and Customs Procedures

Eliminate any remaining export duty and indicative prices. Rationalize customs procedures to reduce number of required trade documents from 21 documents to less than 3. Continue to simplify trade certification.

8. Financial Regulations

Eliminate limit on number of bank accounts by an enterprise. Eliminate right of Government to confiscate bank deposits of firms/individuals (kartoteka), except under court order. Simplify/eliminate licensing requirements for foreign borrowings. Facilitate the licensing of foreign banks.

9. Tax Inspections and Audits

Rationalize tax inspection and audits, improving transparency and appeal processes. Introduce non-discretionary and reasonable penalties for tax issues. Remove seizure authority of Tax authority.

10. Foreign Exchange Transactions

Eliminate requirement to surrender 50% of export proceeds to NBU (for their auctioning).

11. Labor Mobility

Eliminate housing registration. Reduce payments to laid-off workers. Facilitate Visa regime for foreigners.

12. Bankruptcy

Improve Bankruptcy procedures to move easily resources to more productive activities.