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Ministry of Agriculture to create Food and Veterinary Inspection

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Report Highlights:

The Polish Ministry of Agriculture announced plans to create a joint Food and Veterinary Inspection Service by January 1, 2012, to improve service and reduce cost. The announcement follows recent news of a possible strike by the Polish veterinary inspectors (contractors) over reductions in reimbursement for services.

General Information:

On January 2, the Polish Ministry of Agriculture announced its intent to create a joint Food and Veterinary Inspection Service by January 1, 2012. The Ministry noted it would propose legislation to create the joint inspection service to the Polish Council of Ministers within the first half of 2011.

The joint Inspection service would be comprised of the Veterinary Inspectorate, Plant & Seed Inspection and Inspection of Commercial Quality of Agricultural and Food Products, (Inspekcja Weterynaryjna, Państwowa Inspekcja Ochrony Roślin i Nasiennictwa oraz Inspekcja Jakości Handlowej Artykułów Rolno-Spożywczych). Consolidation of the inspection services is sought to provide better coordination of services and save funds.

This announcement follows recent news of a strike planned by Polish veterinary inspectors (contractors) over reductions in governmental remunerations for services submitted in the Ministry of Agriculture's next fiscal budget.