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Exchange visit of Tajik exporters, processors and consolidators of dried fruits to Batken oblast of the Kyrgyz Republic

Dushanbe, 02 April 2012 – The exchange visit of Tajik exporters, processors and consolidators of dried fruits to Batken Oblast of the Kyrgyz Republic will take place on April 4, 2012.

The exchange visit aims to promote cooperation between producers and consolidators of the fruit and vegetable products in Kyrgyzstan and exporters/processors from Tajikistan.

The exchange visit was initiated during the last information session conducted by Hilfswerk Austria International in Tajikistan, financed by the European Union Programme “Central Asia – Invest II” and the representatives of fruit and vegetable processing and production sector from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

The following representatives of local and international organizations will take part in organization and conduction of the exchange visit:

- UNDP “The Wider Europe: Aid for Trade for Central Asia, South Caucasus and Western CIS”
- USAID Kyrgyzstan, Local development Program
- GIZ. Support of regional economic cooperation in Central Asia
- Batken Market Information Center
- Moltushum cooperative

The overall objective of the project is to promote the regional integration of Central Asia in the global economy.

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AFVE – Association of Fruit and vegetable Enterprises in Kyrgyzstan was founded in June 2003 and at the present moment it unites the majority of fruit and vegetable enterprises in Kyrgyzstan, developing the industry of fruit and vegetable processing and enterprise through ensuring the favorable business – environment and market development of processed products. Union of legal entities "Association of fruit and vegetable enterprises" is a non-government, non-profit organization uniting legal entities on voluntary bases and on basis of common interests involved in production and processing of agricultural produce.