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on behalf of the European Commission
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The Commission considers that the revised EU Ukraine Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA)¹, in force since 29 October 2025, continues to provide a stable, reciprocal, and predictable trade regime for both EU and Ukrainian farmers. It is not planning consultations to revise the DCFTA. The Commission continues to monitor EU-Ukraine trade flows. Trade data so far proves the fair and balanced nature of the revised DCFTA.

Pursuant to the revised DCFTA, Ukraine shall align its legislation to the relevant EU production standards by the end of 2028 and shall report annually on its progress. Ukraine is also aligning its national legislation to the EU *acquis* as part of the EU accession negotiations. Progress is assessed regularly.

The Commission continues to monitor how the Ukrainian harvest develops, how this aligns with storage capacity and export needs. The Commission is in close contacts with the EU Member States neighbouring Ukraine to assess the needs for helping ensure alternative logistics routes via the Solidarity Lanes². Budget support and derisking financial instruments for farmers are available under the Ukraine Facility³. With international donors, the Commission is supporting grain storage, logistics and the security of border crossing points.

¹ https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/eu-trade-relationships-country-and-region/countries-and-regions/ukraine_en.

² https://commission.europa.eu/topics/eu-solidarity-ukraine/eu-assistance-ukraine/eu-ukraine-solidarity-lanes_en.

³ https://commission.europa.eu/topics/eu-solidarity-ukraine/eu-assistance-ukraine/ukraine-facility_en.