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## *In focus:*

### **Market supervision or state system of total control, which can no longer control anything**



Ukraine has agreed to introduce a European system of market surveillance products. But now Ukraine has a system of detailed technical requirements for products, a system of state standards inherited from the Soviet Union. Officials say that the system keeps track of all the goods to market their output. But no officer has ever been punished for dangerous goods currently on the market, whether they passed certification or bypassed it. For problems associated with the introduction of the European market surveillance system, see the [“Green Book”](#).

Watch the video of the conference [“Market surveillance on non-food production in Ukraine: changes and challenges”](#)

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### **What prevents communities in Ukraine from being active?**



People living in many local communities in Ukraine understand that waiting for those in power to solve their problems is waiting in vain. So they took an active position in resolving common issues through self-organization and cooperation with other sectors, including local authorities and business. On request of the UNDP, ICPS experts prepared an analytical report in which they examined this and related problems of organization and operation of communities in Ukraine.

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### **Score 4:1 in favor of ICPS**

Four of the five proposals put forward by ICPS specialists were among those selected for inclusion in the final version of the ‘National Action Plan on Environmental Protection of Ukraine for the Period 2011-2015 Year’. ICPS introduced these amendments during public hearings held on February 15.

## *For You:*

### **Aftermath of holiday season rouses pessimism**

After the New Year, consumer confidence experienced a sharp decline, as the optimistic expectations succumbed to pessimism. The change in the Ukrainian mood this time is due to increased food, fuel and utilities prices.

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## Upcoming events:

**10th of March, 10:00** - roundtable "Market surveillance of non-food production in Ukraine: the way to the European market".

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