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Report Name: Turkey Eliminates Tariffs on some Pulses and Grains

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Report Highlights:

Turkey announced the elimination of tariffs on some pulses and grains. According to a Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette on September 8, 2021, the import tariffs on chickpeas, lentils, and wheat, rye, barley, oats, and sorghum (only seed for sewing) are reduced to zero until December 31, 2021.

In the last several years, Turkey has struggled with food inflation amid insufficient domestic production of staple grains. The causes of this deficiency can be attributed mainly due to drought, a serious increase in international commodity prices, and the Turkish Lira's depreciation against other currencies. The cost of imported goods has been increasing in Turkey, which has had large effects on domestic food and feed prices as well. As a measure against food inflation, Turkey has often eliminated or reduced its tariff rates on agricultural commodities in recent years.

According to a Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette on September 8, 2021, Turkey announced the elimination of tariffs on chickpeas (HS 0713.20.00.00.19); lentils (red - HS 0713.40.00.00.00.13, green - HS 0713.40.00.00.00.12, others - HS 0713.40.00.00.00.19); and wheat, rye, barley, oats, and sorghum seed for sowing (1209.29.80.00.16). The new zero tariffs are valid between September 08, 2021 and December 31, 2021. As of January 1, 2022, the tariffs will revert back to the former levels, which range from 19.3-130 percent, depending on the commodity.

The official decree in Turkish language, including normal tariff rates for each commodity by HS code, can be found [here](#).

Turkey also announced additional support payments for farmers. According to a [Presidential Decree](#) published in the Official Gazette on September 1, 2021, new support payments to registered farmers who produce grains and pulses in unirrigated areas and have lost 30 percent or greater of their crops due to insufficient rain and drought will be issued. The amount of support varies between 300 TL/hectare (\$35) and 1,000 (\$118) TL/ha according to the yield losses.

Attachments:

No Attachments.