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**Report Highlights:**

On September 22, ahead of an upcoming presidential summit, Turkiye announced it was lifting its retaliatory tariffs on U.S. rice, tree nuts, distilled spirits, and a few other agricultural items. The zeroing out of these added duties will contribute to increased U.S. agricultural exports and help narrow the agricultural trade deficit.

## Turkiye's Retaliatory Tariffs Finally Come to an End

On September 22, the Turkish government announced in the [Official Gazette](#) that it was abolishing its retaliatory tariffs on select U.S. agricultural products, including rice, tree nuts, distilled spirits, and a few other items (see table 1).<sup>1</sup> While the announcement doesn't explicitly state an effective date, sectoral contacts confirmed that it went into effect the date of the announcement. Türkiye had originally levied these extra duties in 2018 in response to the U.S. Section 232 tariffs on Turkish steel and aluminum.

The removal of these added duties is an important development, as it now puts these products on equal footing with other foreign competitors, which had been eating away at U.S. market share over the last few years. According to Post estimates, Türkiye's retaliatory duties had cost U.S. exporters more than half a billion dollars in lost sales since 2018. The end of these tariffs will promote increased sales of these U.S. agricultural products to Türkiye, while at the same time helping to reduce some of America's agricultural trade deficit.

Local news sources have widely reported about the government's decision to end these retaliatory tariffs. At the same time, a presidential summit was announced for September 25.

Table 1: Turkey's Retaliatory Tariffs Imposed on Select U.S. Agricultural Products since 2018				
HS Code	Description of Products	MFN Duty %	Retaliatory Duty %	U.S. Exports in 2024 (\$million)
08.02	Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled	43.2 (pistachios) 15 (almonds) 15 (walnuts)	10	516
10.06	Rice	34 (paddy) 36 (brown) 45 (milled)	25	15
2106.90	Food preparations, n.e.s.	12.8	10	34
22.08	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength of < 80%; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	70	70	11
24.01	Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse	25	30	44
44.01	Fuel wood, in logs, billets, twigs, faggots or similar forms; wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms	0	5	42

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<sup>1</sup> For some of the historical background on Türkiye's retaliatory duties, please refer to GAIN [TR8024](#) from 2018.

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.