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Report Highlights:

In 2013, Austrian agricultural and food products of about 240 million Euros value were exported to Russia. It is estimated that the value of Austrian agricultural and food products banned by Russia in total account for more than 40 percent of total Austrian agricultural exports to Russia.

Austrian Agricultural Exports Hit by Russian Sanctions

The Russian import sanctions on agricultural products announced on August 6, 2014, which impose an immediate year-long ban on most agricultural imports from the EU and other countries, will have a significant impact on Austrian agricultural exports.

The Russian Federation, after the United States and Switzerland, is the most important agricultural export market for Austria outside the European Union. In 2013, Austrian agricultural and food products valued at about 240 million Euros were exported to Russia. This is about 2.6 percent of the total Austrian agricultural exports, which reached 9.3 billion Euros. The most important commodities of Austrian agricultural exports to Russia belong to the category “food preparations nesoi” (export value in 2013: 23.6 million Euros). This category includes mainly food preparations and ingredients for the food processing industry such as yeast, seasonings, food concentrates, glucose and lactose syrups, and broths. Other important products for Austrian exports to Russia include meat and meat products (export value in 2013: 49 million Euros), dairy and dairy products (export value in 2013: 13 million Euros), and fruits and vegetables (export value in 2013: 2.5 million Euros). It is estimated that the value of Austrian products included in the sanctions account for about 102 million Euros (more than 40 percent of total Austrian agricultural exports to Russia).

Representatives of Austrian agriculture are highly concerned about the Russian import bans of European Union agricultural and food products. In reaction to Russia’s retaliatory sanctions, the Austrian Minister of Agriculture, Andrae Rupprechter requested the Italian EU-Presidency to call for a special meeting of EU agricultural ministers to find a common solution to the problem. The Austrian Farmers Union (“Bauernbund”) president Jakob Auer is claiming a compensation payment from the EU and the Austrian government in case price pressure on Austrian agricultural products becomes unbearable for farmers.

Austrian Consumer Oriented Agricultural Products Exports and Total Agricultural Exports to Russia in Comparison to Total Austrian Exports to World:

AUSTRIA (CUSTOMS) EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL, FISH & FORESTRY PRODUCTS TO RUSSIA						AUSTRIA (CUSTOMS) EXPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL, FISH & FORESTRY PRODUCTS TO WORLD (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)	Share of Austrian Exports to Russia of Total Austrian Agricultural World Exports (Percent)
CY 2009 - 2013 (IN THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS)							
EXPORTS MARKET: RUSSIA							
CALENDAR YEARS (JAN-DEC)							
PRODUCT	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2013	2013
CONSUMER-ORIENTED AGRICULTURAL TOTAL	197,506	218,628	251,249	212,413	262,203	9,929,114	2.64
SNACK FOODS (EXCLUD. NUTS)	8,056	8,105	6,407	4,645	5,684	897,998	0.63
BREAKFAST CEREALS/PANCAKE MIX	121	116	45	51	84	44,967	0.19
RED MEATS,FRESH/CHILLED/FROZEN	10,169	21,779	36,689	28,100	56,954	1,201,067	4.74
RED MEATS, PREPARED/PRESERVED	2,479	2,325	3,797	3,156	7,497	558,610	1.34
POULTRY MEAT	28	0	23	0	0	174,299	0.00
DAIRY PRODUCTS (EXCL. CHEESE)	1,142	1,410	1,494	1,193	2,824	868,357	0.33
CHEESE	11,999	7,219	5,476	4,249	13,729	598,137	2.30
EGGS & PRODUCTS	777	450	0	47	0	23,127	0.00
FRESH FRUIT	525	1,388	5,869	3,369	1,991	202,006	0.99
FRESH VEGETABLES	0	60	0	68	43	142,366	0.03
PROCESSED FRUIT & VEGETABLES	7,320	9,449	6,737	6,371	7,557	427,954	1.77
FRUIT & VEGETABLE JUICES	2,201	3,006	6,546	6,288	7,147	400,953	1.78
TREE NUTS	0	0	0	2	1	30,479	0.00
WINE & BEER	928	1,505	1,683	1,348	1,321	291,097	0.45
NURSERY PRODUCTS & CUT FLOWERS	0	500	267	210	0	47,937	0.00
PET FOODS (DOG & CAT FOOD)	9,596	5,562	5,352	7,838	11,165	315,345	3.54
OTHER CONSUMER ORIENTED PRODUC	142,164	155,756	170,863	145,477	146,207	3,704,416	3.95
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT TOTAL	221,271	246,809	294,904	250,393	319,151	12,407,905	2.57
AGRICULTURAL, FISH & FORESTRY TOTAL	247,434	268,108	331,253	288,784	354,901	17,547,166	2.02

Source: Global Trade Atlas

