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Turkey Eliminates Chickpea Import Tariff Until July 1

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Report Highlights:

Turkey reduced the import tariff on chickpeas from 19.3 percent to 0 percent until July 1, 2017 due high domestic prices.

General Information:

The Turkish government reduced the import tariff on chickpeas from 19.3 percent to 0 percent, according to a decree published in the Official Gazette on March 8, 2017. It will remain in place until July 1, 2017. The decree in Turkish language can be found [here](#).

The import duty rate for chickpeas is provided in the following table.

Table 1: Tariff Rate for Chickpeas

	Tariff Rate, HS: 071320000019, Chickpeas					
	EU, EFTA	Bosnia	S. Korea	Malaysia	D-8	Other Countries
As of March 8, 2017	0	0	0	0	0	0
After July 1, 2017	19.3%	0	10.5%	19.3%	19.3%	19.3%

Chickpeas are a prominent pulse widely used in Turkish cuisine. Annual chickpea production of Turkey ranges between 400,000 MT and 500,000 MT, and Turkey imports about 30,000-40,000 MT of chickpeas every year. Turkey also exports roughly 20,000 MT of chickpeas mostly to Middle Eastern and European countries annually. According to exporter reports, it is estimated that roughly 200,000 MT of chickpeas are transhipped through Turkey each year.

Local press reports that high chickpeas prices in domestic market, which have doubled in a year, forced the government to reduce the import duty. Low yields, increasing international prices, depreciation of the Turkish Lira are some reasons behind the high prices.

According to the Turkish State Institute of Statistics, chickpea prices rose more than any other agricultural product in 2016. The price received by farmers for chickpeas was 3.68 TL in 2016, up to 59 percent from the previous year.

Import and Export Figures for Chickpeas

Table 2: Turkey Import Statistics, 071320, Chickpeas, Dried Shelled, Including Seed

Year To Date: January - December			
Partner Country	Quantity (MT)		
	2014	2015	2016
Mexico	20,100	20,376	10,882
India	14,186	7,249	7,476
Canada	1,453	696	4,157
Argentina	913	2,794	2,049
Russia	238	2,112	2,047
United States	3,939	3,152	2,010
Other	335	928	1,827
Total	41,164	37,306	30,446

Source: Turkish State Institute of Statistics

Table 3: Turkey Export Statistics, 071320, Chickpeas, Dried Shelled, Including Seed

Year To Date: January - December			
Partner Country	Quantity (MT)		
	2014	2015	2016
Iraq	154	1,286	3,514
Pakistan	0	0	2,737
India	330	996	2,442
Syria	286	3,499	2,043
Germany	982	970	1,217
Italy	683	564	911
Jordan	1,610	1,645	880
United Kingdom	864	1,404	842
Sri Lanka	665	605	834
Netherlands	1,684	570	634
Other	10,788	10,937	6,922
World	18,047	22,472	22,976

Source : Turkish State Institute of Statistics