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**Report Highlights:**

In the last couple weeks, Turkey has imposed temporary export bans on select agricultural products to stabilize local market conditions and keep prices from running higher. The Ministry of Trade recently halted shipments of grains, oilseeds, cooking oil, and a few other agricultural commodities – sourced from third countries – that are currently being held in bonded warehouses at Turkish seaports.

Meantime, in a separate move, the Ministry of Agriculture & Forest (MinAF) stopped direct exports of cooking oil, bulk olive oil shipments, margarine, red lentils, and dry beans from Turkey. MinAF may block exports of other agricultural exports at any time.

## Export Restrictions Intended to Stabilize Local Market Conditions:

During the week of March 10, to stabilize local market conditions, the Ministry of Trade temporarily halted exports of grains, oilseeds, cooking oil, and a few other agricultural commodities leaving from bonded warehouses. The exact volume of the restricted products, which were originally sourced from third countries, is unknown, but is considered sizeable for the government to intervene and stop exports. A full list of products banned for export from bonded warehouses is listed in table 1 below.

Turkish traders commonly use bonded warehouses at major seaports, such as Mersin, to store grain, oilseeds, and other agricultural commodities sourced from third countries. Traders decide whether to sell these commodities to buyers in Turkey or ship the product to third markets, depending on offered prices in these respective locations.

Grain	Pulses	Oilseeds	Cooking Oil	Feed	Other
wheat, barley, corn, rye, triticale	chickpeas, lentils, dry beans	sunflower seed, soybean, colza, safflower seed	sunflower soybean, palm, colza	all feeds from broken grains	meals and brans

This latest move to temporarily suspend exports from bonded warehouses follows a separate action by the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry's (MinAF) to temporarily [ban direct exports of cooking oil](#), bulk olive oil shipments, margarine, red lentils, and dry beans from Turkey. MinAF may, at any time, may decide to temporarily restrict other agricultural export items from the [list](#) below in table 2. The ban on bulk olive oil (containers larger than 5kg) covers all export destinations, including the United States. The United States was the single largest destination by value for Turkish olive oil in 2021, accounting for 28 percent of Turkey's total olive oil exports.

These export restrictions come at a time when food inflation is running high and there is growing concern about disruptions to domestic agricultural supply chains resulting from the war in Ukraine. Turkey is heavily dependent on grain, oilseeds, and sunflower oil from Ukraine and Russia. The government expects these latest export restrictions as well as the zeroing out of import duties on certain commodities will take the edge of rising food inflation.

On March 4, the original list of products over which MinAF has authority to restrict was expanded. See table 2 for updated list. As previously [reported](#), in late January, the government published a new regulation delegating specific authority to MinAF to implement export restrictions on a defined list of agricultural items during 2022.

**Table 2: List of Export Products that MinAF Has Authority to Restrict**

<b>HS Codes</b>	<b>Commodities</b>	<b>Date Added to List</b>
0201 0202	Meat of bovine animals	March 4, 2022
0204	Meat of sheep or goats	March 4, 2022
0206	Edible offal	March 4, 2022
0207.11 0207.12	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading 0105, fresh, chilled or frozen Not Cut (frozen)	January 27, 2022
0405.10	Butter	January 27, 2022
0407.21	Birds' eggs (Gallus domesticus)	January 27, 2022
0701.90	Potatoes, fresh or chilled; Others	January 27, 2022
0702.00.00.00.00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	January 27, 2022
0703.10.19.00.11	Onion (Dried)	January 27, 2022
0703.20.00.00.12	Garlic (Dried)	January 27, 2022
0707.00	Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled	January 27, 2022
0708.20.00.00.11	Beans	January 27, 2022
0709.30.00.00.00	Aubergines (eggplants)	January 27, 2022
0709.60.10.00.11	Green Pepper	January 27, 2022
0709.92 0710.80.10.00.00 0711.20 2001.90.65 2004.90.30 2005.70	Olives	January 27, 2022
071310	Pea	March 4, 2022
07.13.33.90.00.19	Kidney beans, including white pea beans (Phaseolus vulgaris)	January 27, 2022
0713.40.00.00.13	Lentil Red	January 27, 2022
0805.10	Oranges	January 27, 2022
0805.21 0805.22 0805.29	Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas); clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids	January 27, 2022
0805.50	Lemons (Citrus limon, Citrus limonum) and sweet lemons	January 27, 2022
0807.11.00.00.00	Watermelons	January 27, 2022
0808.10	Apple	January 27, 2022
1006	Rice	March 4, 2022
1101.00	Wheat flour	March 4, 2022
1102.20	Corn meal	March 4, 2022
1103.11	Groat and Meal of wheat	March 4, 2022
1103.13	Groat and Meal of corn	March 4, 2022
1104.29.17	Wheat for Noah` Pudding	March 4, 2022
1507 1516.20.91.00.12 1516.20.96.00.13	Soy oil and their fractions	March 4, 2022
1509	Olive oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified	January 27, 2022
1512 1516.20.91.00.16 1516.20.96.00.14 1516.20.91.00.11 1516.20.96.00.12	Sunflower seed, safflower or cottonseed oil, and fractions	March 4, 2022
1514	Rep, rapeseed and mustard oil and their fractions	March 4, 2022

1516.20.91.00.18		
1516.20.91.00.21		
1516.20.98.00.21		
1515.21 1515.29 1516.20.91.00.24 1516.20.98.00.15	Corn Oil and their fractions	March 4, 2022
1517	Margarine	March 4, 2022
1904.30	Bulgur	March 4, 2022
2309.90	Mixed Feed	March 4, 2022

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.