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Report Highlights:

The Turkish Grain Board (TMO) has been given authorization by the Government of Turkey (GOT) to import 500,000 MT of corn duty free until December 31, 2017. This is in addition to the 120,000 MT of corn TMO purchased through two international import tenders in April 2017 in order to meet corn demand in Turkey. There are no import duties applied to the purchases.

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The Turkish Grain Board (TMO) continues to intervene in the Turkish corn market in marketing year (MY) 2016/17. TMO, as a state intervention agency, purchased roughly 120,000 MT of corn through two international import tenders in April 2017 in order to meet corn demand in Turkey. After 77,000 MT of corn for feed usage was purchased duty free through a tender on April 19, 2017, TMO also completed another corn import tender on April 25, 2017. TMO purchased about 44,000 MT of corn to be sourced from the European Union (36,000 MT) and Moldova (8,000 MT) in the tender. The average tender price was 718 TL/MT, roughly US\$205/MT (USD= 3.55TL).

Below is a table summarizing TMO's latest corn import tender, which we mentioned in our last [GAIN report](#).

Table: Results of TMO Import Tender Held on April 25, 2017

| Name of Company | Quantity* * | Value (TL/MT) CFR | Discharging Port | Loading Period |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Erser | 8,000 | 743 (\$211) | Samsun | May 1- 10, 2017 (Moldova) |
| Hakan Agro | 12,000 | 710 (\$202) | Samsun | May 1- 10, 2017 (EU) |
| CHS Europe | 12,000 | 712 (\$203) | Bandirma | May 1- 10, 2017 (EU) |
| Hakan Agro | 12,000 | 711 (\$202) | Bandirma | May 1- 10, 2017 (EU) |

Low corn stocks in the private sector and strong demand from feed and starch producers encouraged TMO to import corn in order to meet the corn demand and stop price increases. TMO is expected to issue a new import tender for corn in May. A Cabinet of Ministers Decision published in the Official Gazette on May 11, 2017 authorizes the Turkish Grain Board (TMO) to import up to 500,000 corn at a zero customs duty valid until December 31, 2017.

A complete translation of the Decision can be found below:

**DECISION ON THE APPLICATION OF TARIFF QUOTA ALLOCATION
TO BE USED BY TMO GENERAL DIRECTORATE
FOR CORN
(Decision # 2017/10101, Dated: 05/11/2017)**

Tariff Quota

ARTICLE 1 – (1) In scope of the “Decision concerning import quota and tariff allocation management” put into effect by the Cabinet of Ministers decision on 04/14/2010 and numbered 2010/339; the table below with HS Code and commodity indicate the tariff allocation amounts assigned to TMO General Directorate.

| H.S. Code | Commodity | Quantity (MT) | Customs Tax (%) | Validity of Authorization |
|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| 10.05 | Corn | 500,000 | 0 | 12/31/2017 |

Customs tax

ARTICLE 2 – (1) Tax percentage shown in the table will apply for imports conducted within the scope of tariff quota stated first article of this decision. Imports apart from these will be subject to the customs tax within the scope of import regime decision for subject commodity.

Import license

ARTICLE 3 – (1) Import licenses will be issues by the Ministry of Economy (Imports GD) for imports conducted within the scope of this decision.

(2) The import licenses issued within this decision will be valid until 12/31/2017.

(3) The free entry declarations for commodity imported within the scope of this decision must be approved within the validity of the issued import license.

(4) Import licenses cannot be transferred to third parties.

Other regulations

ARTICLE 4 – (1) For matters that are not covered in this decision, the Import Regime decision and other related regulation rules will apply.

Effective

ARTICLE 5 – (1) This decision will take effect on date published.

Application

ARTICLE 6 – (1) The Ministry of Economy applies this decision.

The decision in Turkish language can be found [here](#).