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United States Dairy Products Exports to Turkey Suspended

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Report Highlights:

Turkey's Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock (MinFAL) has not granted an extension to the United States to allow trade to flow during the continuation of negotiations on a new bilateral veterinary certificate for dairy products coming from the United States. The market closure implementation has been initiated on the 1st of April, 2016. As of then, U.S. dairy exports to Turkey are temporarily suspended.

Turkey's Dairy Products Imports:

Turkey imports most of their dairy products from European Countries. In total, Turkey imported 35,159 MT dairy products in 2015, and 36,519 MT in 2014. Most imported dairy products are cheese and butter. In 2015, Turkey's butter imports from European Union (EU) increased to 103 MT while it was 58 MT in 2014, so they are similar to butter level imports from the United States in 2015. Milk products imports amounts from the United States have varied over the years, however, total dairy import from the U.S. has recently sharply decreased from 4,931 MT in 2014 to 99 MT in 2015. Three-fourths of that was butterfats and the rest was milk powder, lactose and cheese.

Turkey Import Statistics From With United States								
Commodity: milk and milk products, milk and milk products								
Commodity	Unit	Description	Quantity					
			2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Milk and milk products Total	T	Milk and milk products	2163	1649	617	5356	4931	99
0405	T	Butter And Other Fats And Oils Derived From Milk	134	440	201	4782	4675	99
0406	T	Cheese And Curd	465	603	416	573	255	0
0404	T	Whey & Milk Products Nesoi, Flavored Etc. Or Not	0	5	0	0	1	0
2105	T	Ice Cream And Other Edible Ice, With Cocoa Or Not	0	0	0	0	0	0
0402	T	Milk And Cream, Concentrated Or Sweetened	1564	602	0	0	0	0
0403	T	Buttermilk, Yogurt, Kephir Etc, Flavord Etc Or Not	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source of Data: Global Trade Atlas, 2016

Within the scope of Turkey's harmonization to European Union (EU), MinFAL has been gradually implementing EU veterinary health certificates on imports of live animal and animal products although Turkey's domestic production has not completely been in line EU standards. MinFAL published the new import certificate for dairy products a few years ago. Even though Turkey is not yet a member of the European Union, MinFAL requires exporting countries to use a veterinary certificate that is the same with the EU certificate given in the EU Commission Regulation No 605/2010. The certificate refers to numerous EC regulations to which Turkey has not completely harmonized their regulations to yet.

Negotiations for a new certificate for trade between the United States and Turkey had been ongoing and trade had been taking place under an extension of the previous certificate which was granted by Turkey. Trade came to a halt on March 31st, 2016 when Turkey decided not to grant another extension for the use the current certificate for products from the United States to be used while negotiations were ongoing.

Scope of Products Impacted by this Issue

This closure of the market impacts the following Harmonized System (HS) codes, which are milk and milk products for human consumption. HS codes are checked at the customs point of entry.

- 0401** milk and cream, not concentrated or sweetened
- 0402** milk and cream, concentrated or sweetened
- 0403** buttermilk, yogurt, kephir etc, flavored etc or not
- 0404** whey & milk products nesoi, flavored etc. or not
- 0405** butter and other fats and oils derived from milk
- 0406** cheese and curd
- 170210** Lactose, Lactose Syrup (within **1702** sugars nesoi, incl chem pure lactose etc, caramel)
- 2105** ice cream and other edible ice, with cocoa or not
- 3501** casein, caseinates and other casein derivatives
- 3502** albumins and albumin derivatives
- 3504** peptones, other proteins & deriv etc, hide powder

Turkey does not require special import certificates for transit. Transit products will not be affected with this implementation. Turkey only applies transit ban if there is some sort of animal disease issue in the United States (or exporting country) which impacts those dairy products.

The certificates issued before 1st of April will not be affected.

Contact Points

Turkish Government contact for dairy products import issues:

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