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Report Highlights:

At the beginning of each year, the Turkish Ministry of Trade (MoT) publishes the tariff schedule for all commodities including agricultural products for the upcoming year. Depending on market conditions, the MoT may adjust tariff rates during the year for selected imports of agricultural and other products. So far in 2024, the MoT has temporarily lowered tariffs for sunflowerseed for crushing, sunflower oil, and rice. Other tariff adjustments may happen at any time during the year.

Turkiye Publishes Annual Tariff Schedule...

Turkiye has a complex web of tariffs and taxes on imported agricultural products.¹ At the end of each year, the Ministry of Trade (MoT), which oversees customs-related matters, announces the tariff schedule for the coming year. Depending on market conditions, the Ministry can adjust tariffs within the bound rate at any time during the year. These changes are published in Türkiye's Official Gazette, which is the official mechanism that the government uses to promulgate new legislation and other official announcements.

The [2024 schedule](#) was published in the Official Gazette at the end of December last year. The only notable change for imported agricultural products was the reduced tariff for imported rice, as shown in the table below. Other changes to individual tariff lines may be announced in the Official Gazette during the year, but an updated schedule will not be published. As an example, in late January, the government announced it was creating lower-duty quotas for sunflowerseed for crushing and sunflower oil. For details, please refer to our [2024 Oilseeds Annual](#). In the past, in order to curb rising food inflation, the government temporarily lowered tariffs for imported wheat, rice, and pulses.

Table 1: Tariffs on Imported Rice for 2024				
HS Code	Product	Tariff Rate in 2023	Tariff Rate from January-August 2024	Tariff Rate Starting in September 2024
1006.10	paddy rice	34%	10%	34%
1006.20	brown rice	36%	10%	36%
1006.30	milled rice	45%	15%	45%

Source: [Annex of the Official Gazette](#)

...But Finding Latest Tariffs Can Be Challenging

Navigating the published tariff schedule can be challenging for several reasons. First, an updated schedule is not published in the Official Gazette every time the government makes changes to individual tariff lines during the year. Only the specific tariff lines Second, the format of the schedule makes it hard to search, which is further complicated by the fact that the schedule omits product descriptions. Third, Türkiye uses 12-digit HS codes which can make product classification more challenging. For reference, the United States only uses 10-digit HS codes. For information about product classification, please visit MoT's website dealing with [tariffs](#).

¹ See USTR's National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers for more information about Türkiye's tariffs and tax regime.

To assist local businesses in overcoming some of these challenges, the MoT has an [online tariff search engine](#) (only in Turkish) that can be used to crosscheck the latest tariff information. As there may be potential lags in updates to the search engine, Post strongly encourages U.S. companies to work with their importer or broker to verify the latest tariff (and other taxes).

For more information about shipping agricultural products to Turkiye, please refer to the [Turkiye Exporter Guide](#) and the [FAIRS Annual Country Report for Turkiye](#)

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