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Report Name: Serbia Introduced Monthly Export Quotas for Wheat Corn and Refined Sunflower Oil and Allowed Free Export of Wheat Flour

Country: Serbia

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Report Highlights:

On April 20, the Government of Serbia (GoS) lifted its prohibition on the export of wheat, corn, flour, and refined sunflower oil. In its place, introduced monthly export quotas. On April 30, the GoS increased export quotas on wheat and wheat flour. On May 11, the GoS decided to lift the export quotas on wheat flour export starting on May 15. The decision to shift export quotas on wheat flour results from the significant stocks in storage and the new wheat harvest starting in less than two months.

Summary:

On April 20, GoS eliminated its decision from March 10 (“Official Gazette” No. 32/22) when Serbia temporarily banned the export of food essential for food stability. Specifically, Serbia temporarily banned exports of wheat, wheat flour, rye, corn, cornmeal, and refined sunflower oil without an end date.

Serbia has sufficient wheat and corn in stocks to meet domestic demand and surpluses that could be exported. On April 20, the GoS decided to lift its prohibition on the export of wheat, corn, flour, and refined sunflower oil. In its place, introduced monthly export quotas. The new measure allowed monthly exports of up to 150,000 MT of wheat, 150,000 MT of corn, 20,000 MT of wheat flour, and 8 million liters of refined sunflower oil. Each exporter can apply for a maximum of 30.00 MT of wheat, 30.000 MT of corn, 4.000 MT of wheat flour, and 1.6 million liters of refined sunflower oil.

On April 30, the GoS increased export quotas on wheat to 211.458 MT and on wheat flour to 22.340 MT. Export quotas for corn and refined edible sunflower oil remained the same. Maximum quantities per exporter remained the same (as decided on April 20).

In May, the Serbian Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, and Water Management approved export quotas for 62 companies to export wheat, 72 companies to export corn, 35 companies to export wheat flour, and 11 companies to export refined sunflower oil.

On May 11, the GoS decided to lift the export quotas on wheat, starting on May 15. The decision to shift export quotas on wheat flour results from the significant stock in storage and the new wheat harvest starting in less than two months.

Serbian farmers, grains, millers and oilseeds associations, exporters, and logistics companies protested the GoS measure to limit the export of grains and sunflower oil from Serbia and were asking for compensation from the state for not being able to export their goods at the world record high prices.

Due to imposing export bans and quotas, Serbia will export 25-40 percent less wheat, wheat flour, corn, and refined sunflower oil than previously estimated for MY2021/22.

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Attachments:

No Attachments.