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**Report Highlights:**

On March 8, 2023, the Turkish government issued a notice in the Official Gazette to lift the remaining restrictions on exporting certain agricultural products, including red meat, tomatoes, some pulses, and sunflower oil. The Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry (MinAF) had initially imposed export bans on select agricultural items last year to help alleviate skyrocketing food inflation.

## **Turkey Ends Remaining Ag Export Restrictions**

On March 8, 2023, the Turkish government issued a notice in the Official Gazette (No. 32126) that rescinded the remaining export restrictions on certain agricultural exports, including red meat, tomatoes, some pulses, and sunflower oil. The Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry (MinAF) had originally imposed these restrictions to combat record food inflation.

This latest announcement comes right on the heels of MinAF's decision to ban (now rescinded) tomato exports from March 2 through April 14 of this year. MinAF's rationale for instating the ban was to ensure sufficient domestic supplies and stabilize prices, following the devastating earthquakes in southeastern Turkey. The ban triggered a backlash within the domestic tomato industry, which depends on exports for its survival. The industry pointed out that tomato supplies were more than sufficient to meet both domestic and export demand, while emphasizing that any disruption to exports would cause significant economic harm to their sector. Tomato exports were about 520,000 metric tons in 2022.

### **Background**

In January 2022, the Turkish government published a new regulation delegating specific authority to MinAF to ban exports, when necessary, to stabilize domestic market conditions. From February of last year, Turkey temporarily banned exports of more than a dozen agricultural products, including vegetable oils, meat, pulses, and some dairy products. Export quotas were also instituted to regulate some exports. The quotas and some of these restrictions were gradually lifted prior to the March 8 announcement in the Official Gazette. For reference, please see the table below and our earlier reports on this subject: [TU2022-0042](#), [TU2022-0033](#), [TU2022-0026](#), [TU2022-0013](#), [TU2022-0011](#), [TU2022-0008](#).

| <b>Table 1: List of Products Previously Subject to Export Bans</b> |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|---|--|
|  | <b>HS Codes</b>  | <b>Commodities</b>   | <b>Date Banned</b>  | <b>Date Ban Was Lifted</b>   |
| 1  | 0201<br>0202   | Meat of bovine animals   | March 19, 2022  | March 8, 2023  |
| 2  | 0204   | Meat of sheep or goats   | March 19, 2022  | March 8, 2023  |
| 3  | 0402   | Milk and Cream (Concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweeteners)      | Cream-April 18, 2022<br>Milk Powder with fat or skimmed- September 16, 2022 | Cream-March 8, 2023<br>Milk Powder with fat or skimmed-December 31, 2022 |
| 4  | 0405.10  | Butter   | April 18, 2022  | June 26, 2022, with 7,000 MT quota instituted through September 2022     |
| 5  | 0702.00.00.00.00   | Tomatoes, fresh or chilled   | March 2, 2023   | March 8, 2023  |
| 6  | 07.13.33.90.00.19  | Kidney beans, including white pea beans ( <i>Phaseolus vulgaris</i> )            | February 26, 2022   | March 8, 2023  |
| 7  | 0713.40.00.00.13   | Lentil Red   | February 26, 2022   | March 8, 2023  |
| 8  | 1507<br>1516.20.91.00.12<br>1516.20.96.00.13                                   | Soy oil and their fractions  | March 9, 2022   | August 27, 2022  |
| 9  | 1509   | Olive oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified | February 26, 2022   | July 9, 2022   |
| 10   | 1512<br>1512.11.91.00.00<br>1512.19.90.00.11<br>1516.20.91.00.16               | Sunflower seed, safflower, and fractions   | March 9, 2022   | March 8, 2023  |
| 11   | 1512.29<br>1512.21<br>1516.20.96.00.14<br>1516.20.91.00.11<br>1516.20.96.00.12 | Cotton seed oil and fractions  | March 9, 2022   | August 27, 2022  |
| 12   | 1514<br>1516.20.91.00.18<br>1516.20.91.00.21<br>1516.20.98.00.21               | Rep, rapeseed and mustard oil and their fractions                                | March 9, 2022   | August 27, 2022  |
| 13   | 1515.21<br>1515.29<br>1516.20.91.00.24<br>1516.20.98.00.15                     | Corn Oil and their fractions   | March 9, 2022   | August 27, 2022  |
| 14   | 1517   | Margarine  | March 9, 2022   | August 27, 2022  |

**Attachments:**

No Attachments.