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Report Name: Turkey Announces Tariff Reductions on Lentils and Eliminates Tariffs on Sunflower seed

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Report Highlights:

Turkey announced additional tariff reductions on lentils and eliminated tariffs on sunflower seed. According to a Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette on November 5, 2020, import tariffs on red lentils are reduced to 9 percent, down from 19.3 percent, until further notice. Import tariffs on sunflower seed are reduced to zero through June 2021.

Grappling with a serious increase in international commodity prices and the Turkish Lira's depreciation against other currencies, the cost of imported goods has been increasing in Turkey, which has had large effects on domestic food and feed prices as well.

According to a Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette on November 5, 2020, Turkey announced tariff reductions on lentils and sunflower seed (excluding confectionary seed). Import tariffs on lentils (HS 0713.40.00.00.13) are reduced to nine percent, down from 19.3 percent, until further notice. Canada is still the prominent supplier of lentils to Turkey.

Import tariffs on sunflower seeds (HS 1206.00.91.00.19 and HS 1206.00.99.00.19) are reduced to zero. Previously, the duty on sunflower seed was calculated through a more complicated formula: 3 percent of CIF price + €100/metric ton (MT) fee to be used as a "housing levy." The zero tariff is valid between November 5, 2020 - July 1, 2021.

Turkey is a net importer of sunflower seed for its sunflower oil production. In order to meet domestic demand, Turkey imported about 1.1 million MT of sunflower seed between October 2019 and September 2020. Russia (610,000 MT), China (103,000 MT), and Moldova (101,000 MT) were the main suppliers.

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

As previously reported, Turkey also eliminated tariffs on grain through December 2020 via another presidential decree published on October 21, 2020.

Attachments:

No Attachments.