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## **Report Name:** Turkey Continues Zero Tariff Policy for Most Grains and Some Pulses

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## **Report Highlights:**

On December 31, 2021, Turkey announced a revised tariff list for a number of products. According to a Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette, the import tariffs on wheat, corn, rye, barley, oats, chickpeas, and lentils, has been eliminated through December 31, 2022.

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On December 31, 2021, Turkey announced its revised tariff list for 2022. A major aspect that attracted a great deal of attention is the elimination of import tariffs on wheat, corn, rye, barley, oats, chickpeas, and lentils through December 31, 2022.

According to a Presidential Decree published in the Official Gazette, Turkey announced the elimination of tariffs on wheat, rye, barley, oats, corn, chickpeas (HS 0713.20.00.00.19); and lentils (red - HS 0713.40.00.00.00.13; green - HS 0713.40.00.00.00.12; and others - HS 0713.40.00.00.00.19).

This policy effectively extends the elimination of tariffs on some pulses and grains which was first implemented September 8, 2021. The announcement of a dramatic change in agricultural and food tariffs for the entire calendar year is an extremely unusual move, which signals the Government's concern about the inability to control food inflation in the short-to-medium term.

The new zero tariffs are valid through December 31, 2022. If there is no extension, as of January 1, 2023, the tariffs will revert to former levels, which range from 19.3-130 percent, depending on the commodity.

The official decree in Turkish language, including standard tariff rates for each commodity by HS code, can be found <u>here</u>.

## Attachments:

No Attachments.