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Report Highlights:

In early August, Turkiye announced that it will open a lower-duty quota for 1.0 million metric tons of sunflower seed or crude sunflower oil equivalent, starting from January-April of next year. The reason the quota isn't opening until that time is to protect the domestic sunflower industry from an influx of cheap imports during the upcoming harvest. In order to apply for a quota license, Turkish firms must first purchase an equivalent amount of domestic sunflower seed. The Turkish sunflower industry welcomed the domestic purchase provision, which the government hasn't required for about a decade.

Background:

According to a [Presidential Decree](#) published in the Official Gazette on August 5, 2024, Türkiye will open a tariff quota with a lower duty for 1 million metric tons (MMT) of sunflower seed or crude sunflower oil equivalent to regulate available supplies and prices inside Türkiye. The within quota import tariff will be 8 percent for sunflower seed and 20 percent for sunflower oil. Quota holders will have the option to import either seed, oil, or a combination of both.

The quota will not open immediately but will instead be opened between January and April of next year in order to protect local farmers from an influx of cheap imports during Türkiye’s sunflower harvest season that runs through the end of October.

Table 1: In-Quota Tariff Rates for 1 MMT of Sunflower seed or Crude Oil Equivalent from January-April 2025*

| HS Code | Commodity | MFN Rate | Reduced Tariff | Period for Quota |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|----------------|--------------------|
| 120600990019 | Sunflower seed | 27 | 8 | 1/1/2025-4/30/2025 |
| 151211910000 | Crude Sunflower oil | 36 | 20 | |

*Note: 1 MMT of sunflower seed is equivalent to 400,000 MT of crude sunflower oil.

Turkish companies will be required to first purchase an equivalent amount of domestic sun seed between July and November before applying to the Ministry of Trade (MoT) for a quota allocation. This is the first time in about a decade that MoT has required traders to first purchase local sunflower seed before applying for an allocation. The MoT will publish a communique with details on how the quota will be allocated and managed.

According to press reports, the local sunflower industry has welcomed this domestic purchase requirement. However, some traders are concerned about fluctuations in international prices of sunflower seed and sunflower oil, which might undermine the effectiveness of this quota.

Attachments:

No Attachments.