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Egypt Imposes Anti-Dumping Temporary Tariffs on Refined Sugar Imports

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Report Highlights:

Egypt has imposed a temporary 20 percent anti-dumping tariff on the CIF value of white sugar imports (HS code 17019990). The tariff is set for a maximum of 200 days pending the results of a government investigation, with a minimum fee of LE700 (\$92) per ton. The measure is to protect local industry against an increase in imports of white sugar.

General Information:

On April 15, 2015, Egypt notified the WTO's Committee on Safeguards that it would initiate a safeguard investigation into white sugar ([WTO Notification \(G/SG/N/6/EGY/12\)](#)). Data provided by Egyptian authorities to the WTO shows that imports of white sugar decreased by 81 percent in 2013 compared to 2012, from 105,000 tons to 20,000 tons. However, in 2014, imports increased by 240 percent from 2013, from 20,000 tons to 68,000 tons. In the first quarter of 2015, imports increased by 32 percent compared to the same period in 2014, from 34,000 tons for that period in 2014 versus 45,000 tons during the same quarter in 2015.

On April 19, 2015, Egypt issued Ministerial Decree number (288/2015) imposing a temporary 20 percent anti-dumping tariff on white sugar imports (HS code 17019990) or a minimum fee of LE700 (\$92) per ton. The tariff is set for a maximum of 200 days pending the results of a government investigation. The Egyptian Government describes the current increase in imports as unjustifiable, with injurious consequences for Egyptian sugar producers. Post expects that the measure will hinder, if not completely halt, imports of refined sugar while imports of raw sugar, which are the bulk of Egypt's sugar imports, will continue unabated.

On April 23, 2015, the Egyptian Authority for Anti-Dumping at the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Small and Medium Enterprises (MITSME) released its announcement number 5/2015 published in the Egyptian Gazette calling for stakeholders in the local sugar industry and other interested parties to provide supporting documentation to substantiate the purported harm to their industry caused by the import surge.

This is not the first time that Egypt has imposed anti-dumping tariffs on sugar imports. On November 29, 2012, Egypt imposed a temporary 17 percent anti-dumping tariff on imports of raw sugar and a 20 percent temporary anti-dumping tariff on imports of white sugar. The tariff was set for a maximum of 200 days pending the results of the government investigation. In May 2013, after investigating the case, which included consultations with Brazil and the EU, MITSME issued Ministerial Decree (512/2013) lifting the safeguard duties that were imposed, as the government found no evidence that sugar imports were being dumped into the domestic market.

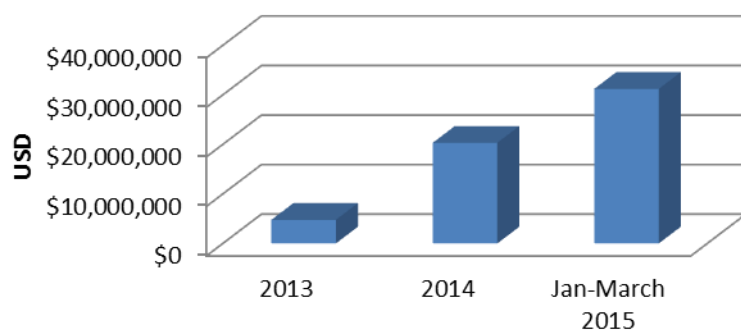
According to media reports, industry sources have stated that imposing temporary anti-dumping duties on white sugar while excluding raw sugar is not enough to stop the detrimental effects on the local industry. Egypt consumes around 3.2 million tons of sugar annually but produces just over 2 million tons leaving a gap of slightly over a million tons a year for imports. For recent developments in Egypt's sugar industry, please refer to our annual sugar report in GAIN for 2015 [Sugar Annual 2015](#).

Egypt Import Statistics							
Commodity: 170199, Cane Or Beet Sugar And Chemically Pure Sucrose, Refined, In Solid Form, Not Containing Added Flavoring Or Coloring Matter							
Year To Date: January - March							
Partner Country	Unit	2013		2014		2015	
		USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity	USD	Quantity
World	T	4,761,297	6,139	20,317,455	36,880	31,193,912	62,326
France	T	608,875	767	4,532,939	8,722	10,573,173	21,608
Germany	T	1,757,353	2,088	8,072,881	14,910	4,799,595	9,818
Belgium	T	0	0	1,415,855	2,737	4,443,163	9,285
Czech Republic	T	170,317	249	521,242	108	3,275,311	6,022
Netherlands	T	329,704	506	0	0	2,395,239	4,668
Denmark	T	0	0	765,512	1,434	2,310,088	4,123
Lebanon	T	0	0	0	0	1,557,348	3,463
Poland	T	0	0	254,934	528	862,917	1,968
Slovenia	T	0	0	0	0	562,250	1,107
Saudi Arabia	T	231,772	158	0	0	155,143	0
China	T	116,135	80	178,972	104	112,676	66
Mauritius	T	16,492	22	59,282	66	73,463	88
Thailand	T	8,042	2	48,911	4	58,343	98
United Kingdom	T	62,698	47	29,475	5	15,202	10
Others	T	1,459,908	2,222	4,437,452	8,261	0	0

Source: Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics

Note: Numbers provided by GTA are different than numbers provided by Egyptian Investigation Authorities.

Figure 1: Value of White Sugar Imports



Source: GTA