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Report Highlights:

Turkey has removed the tariff increases imposed on US products in August 2018, halving the total additional tariffs imposed in 2018, effective immediately on May 21st, 2019.

Turkey Reduces the Additional Levies on US Products

Turkey has introduced two rounds of additional levies on US products imported to Turkey in <u>June 2018</u> and <u>August 2018</u> both as countermeasures to the U.S. increasing tariffs on Turkish steel. Details can be found in the GAIN reports at the links above.

Following the reduction of US tariffs on Turkish steel on May 17th, 2019, Turkey has removed the tariff increases imposed in August 2018, halving the additional tariffs imposed in 2018 with a Presidential Decision published on Official Gazette, <u>Decision Number 1130</u> on May 21st, 2019. The current additional tariffs for agricultural products are listed below in Table 1.

Table 1: Additional tariffs are reduced to the below rates beginning May 21, 2019

HS Code	Description of Products	Additional Duty %
08.02	Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled	10
10.06	Rice	25
2106.90	Food preparations, n.e.s.	10
22.08	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength of < 80%; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages	70
24.01	Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse	30
44.01	Fuel wood, in logs, billets, twigs, faggots or similar forms; wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms	5

These additional duties are calculated on top of the regular duties for these products. All regular tariff rates for products to be imported to Turkey may be <u>found here</u> in Turkish (but with HS Codes); U.S. is included in the column called D.Ü. (Other Countries).

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