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Turkey reduced the custom tariffs of almonds and walnuts 2018

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Report Highlights:

On December 31st, 2017, in their annual announcement of the tariffs for the upcoming year, Turkey decreased the custom tariffs for walnuts and almonds to 15 percent from 43.2 percent. Tariffs for pistachios and pecans remain the same at 43.2 percent.

Turkey Revised the Custom Taxes for Walnuts and Almonds

In Turkey, importers have paid 43.2 percent tariff per ton on the cost, insurance, and freight (CIF) value of the shipment or reference price, whichever is higher, for walnuts (both shelled and in-shell) and almonds (both shelled and in-shell), pistachios and pecans. For more details on the reference prices and other trade and policy issues, please see GAIN report dated 9/29/2017 on <u>Turkey Tree Nuts Annual Report 2017</u>.

On December 31st, 2017, in the annual updated tariffs list in the Official Gazette, the Government of Turkey (GOT) announced that tariffs per ton for walnut (both shelled and in-shell) and almond (both shelled and in-shell) **decreased to 15 percent** for all countries except Bosnia and Herzegovina. The tariff for almond and walnut coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina is zero percent.

The tariff for pistachio (both shelled and in-shell) remained the same at 43.2 percent except in the case of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The tariff for pistachio coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina is zero percent.

The tariff for pecans coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina is zero percent, South Korea 19.6 percent, Singapore 32.4 percent and all other countries, including the United States, is 43.2 percent.