

## The Principles of the Investigation on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in the Import of Solar Panels Were Announced

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The procedures and principles of the investigation to be carried out against the neutralisation of measures to prevent unfair competition in the import of solar panels originating from Vietnam, Malaysia, Thailand, Croatia and Jordan have been determined.

With the Communiqué on the Prevention of Unfair Competition in Imports published in the Official Gazette dated 25 November 2023 and numbered 32380 with the Communiqué number 2023/32, "Photovoltaic cells assembled into a module or arranged in panels" ("**Solar Panel**") in the import of the goods, the People's Republic of China originating in the application made about the ineffectiveness of the anti-dumping measures applied on the subject goods, it is aimed to open an investigation and the procedures and principles of this investigation have been determined:

- The need for an investigation arose due to the determination that the share of the five countries mentioned in total solar panel imports increased from 56.3% in value in 2020 to 97.8% in the first 9 months of 2023.
- The investigation will be conducted by the Ministry of Trade, General Directorate of Imports.
- In order to provide the necessary information for the investigation, the importers of the goods in question and the Embassies of the countries subject to the investigation in Ankara will be notified of the opening of the investigation. The notification will include a summary of the investigation report and access to questionnaires.
- Questionnaires must be answered within 37 days of notification. In addition to the information requested in the questionnaire, other information, documents and opinions considered to be relevant to the investigation should be submitted in writing to the Directorate General within the same period.
- Other interested parties, such as domestic producers, importers, relevant professional organisations, consumer associations, trade unions of workers or employers in the production branch, who claim that they may be affected by the outcome of this investigation, should notify the Directorate General in writing of their opinions and any relevant information and documents within the investigation process.
- The decision on parties that do not provide the necessary information, provide false information, refuse to provide information or obstruct the investigation is taken on the basis of the available data, whether positive or negative.
- If deemed necessary, it may be decided to apply provisional measures during the investigation. The definitive measure may be applied retrospectively, provided that it does not go back before the start date of the investigation and is limited to 90 days from the date of the provisional measures.

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