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Turkey Announces Online Document System for Tobacco and Alcohol Imports

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Turkey's Ministry of Economy ("Ministry") annually updates the rules and procedures for product certifications and notifications related to importing various tobacco and alcohol products. According to the latest announcement, conformity certificates and out of scope statements can now be provided electronically.

These documents can now be obtained from the Ministry after the Tobacco and Alcohol Market Regulatory Authority was recently closed down (more).

The goods prohibited from being imported to Turkey remain unchanged in the latest announcement, along with the products which are excluded from the Ministry's area of activity.

The Communiqué on Import Inspection of Tobacco, Tobacco Products, Alcohol and Alcoholic Beverages (Safety and Quality Control: 2018/19), was published in Official Gazette number 30334 on 16 February 2018. Please see this <u>link</u> for the full text of the Communiqué (only available in Turkish).

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