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## Turkish Trade Remedies – December 2020

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#### Turkey Opened Tariff Quota in Polyethylene Terephthalate Chips Import

With the Communiqué, the procedure and principles of the tariff contingent opened with the purpose of providing exemption from the additional safeguard measures within the scope of the Decision Regarding Implementation of Safeguard Measures in Polyethylene Terephthalate Chips Import entered into force through the Presidential Decree dated 12 November 2020 and numbered 3192, in import of the goods under the customs tariff statistic position 3907.69.00.00.00 has been regulated.

In this context, for every period in which the additional financial obligation for the tariff contingent is implemented, the contingent for the said good shall be 10.926 ton in total if it originates from the countries and customs zones provided in the Annex of the Communiqué and the tariff contingent to be provided for goods originating from each country or customs zone cannot exceed 3.642 tone for each period.

Furthermore, the distribution of the tariff contingent shall be made by the customs authorities by using the allocation method in accordance with the time of the declarations, during the allocation of the contingent the taxpayer shall choose the related exemption code at the stage of certifying the customs declaration and each tariff contingent to be allocated within the scope of the customs declaration shall not exceed 20 tons.

It is also explained that the import company has to wait for 30 days after using the contingent again and the current information with regard to tariff contingents will be announced on the E-Transactions of the website of the Ministry of Trade.

Please see this <u>link</u> for the full text of Communiqué regarding Management of Tariff Quotas in Import (Communiqué No: 2020/9) published in the Official Gazette numbered 31322 on 2 December 2020, being effective from 13 December 2020. (only available in Turkish).

#### Turkey Initiated Surveillance System for the Import of Various Textile and Apparel Goods

With the Communiqué regarding Surveillance Practice in Import numbered 2020/9 ("Communiqué"), surveillance has been initiated for various textile and apparel goods under customs tariff statistics positions listed in Annex-1 of the Communiqué.

In this regard, for the import of the goods listed in Annex-1 of the Communiqué, the importers should register through the web site "ithalat.ebirlik.org" of the General Secretariat of Istanbul Ready Made Garment And Apparel Exporters' Association authorized by the Ministry of Trade as the registry center. Upon the registration, an online Registry Document will be issued indicating that the import process has been registered.

In the event that these goods weigh gross 25 kg or less within the scope of a summary declaration, or a TIR carnet or transit declaration, the registration process will not be applied. Other procedure and principles regarding registry and application are explained in the Communiqué.

A Textile and Apparel Surveillance Committee ("Committee") will be formed with the purpose of advising the Import General Directorate of Ministry of Trade ("General Directorate") with regard to quality, origin, value and similar

aspects of the goods and their registry and the working principles of the Committee will be determined by the General Directorate.

With the Communiqué, the Communiqué regarding Surveillance Practice in Import (Communiqué No: 2020/1) published in the 4<sup>th</sup> repeating Official Gazette dated 31 December 2018 and numbered 30642 has been abolished.

Please see this <u>link</u> for the full text of Communiqué regarding Surveillance Practice in Import (Communiqué No: 2020/9) published in the Official Gazette numbered 31345 on 25 December 2020, being effective from the same day. (only available in Turkish).

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