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Turkish Trade Remedies – January 2017

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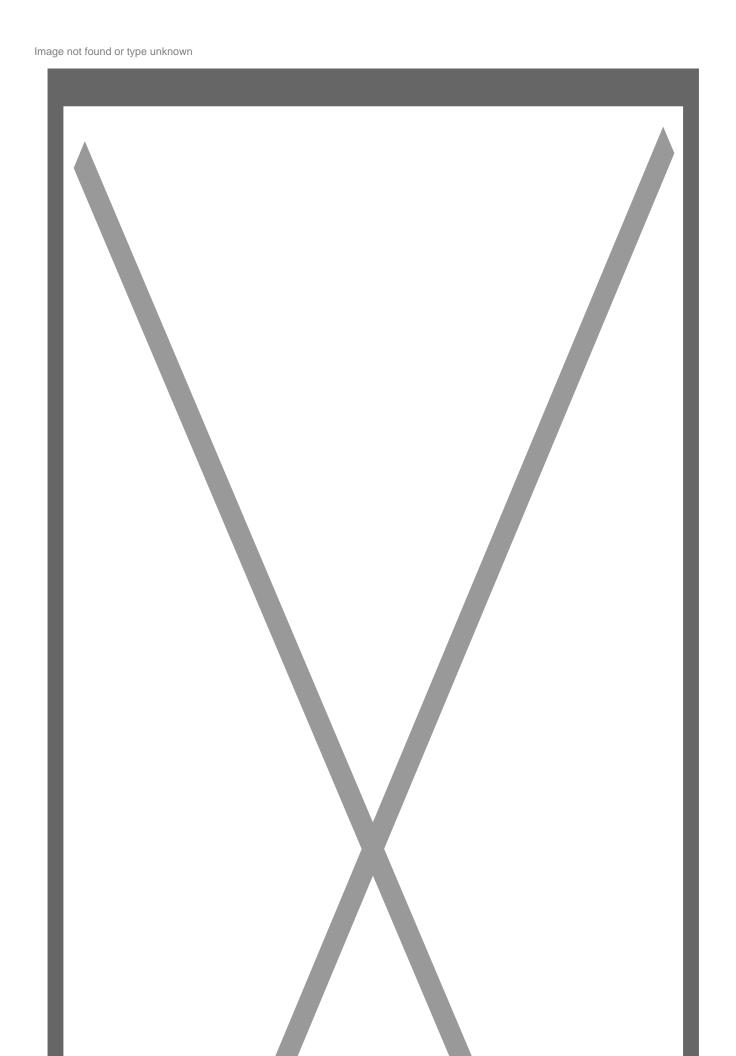
An overview of notable decrees by the Council of Ministers and communiqués by the Ministry of Economy regarding prevention of unfair competition in imports, made during January 2017.

Additional Customs Duty Applied to a Range of Perfumes Cosmetics and Cleaning Products

Additional customs duty has been applied to the products in list number II, attached to the Import Regime Decision by Council of Ministers Decree number 2016/9647 ("**Decree**").

Additional customs duty apply according to the relevant country's category:

- 1. EU Member Countries, EFTA-Member Countries, Israel, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Morocco, Western Bank and Gaza Strip, Tunisia, Egypt, Georgia, Albania, Jordan, Chile, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Moldovia.
- 2. South Korea.
- 3. Mauritius.
- 4. Malaysia.
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- 7. Special Incentive Regulation Countries.
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- 9. Other Countries.



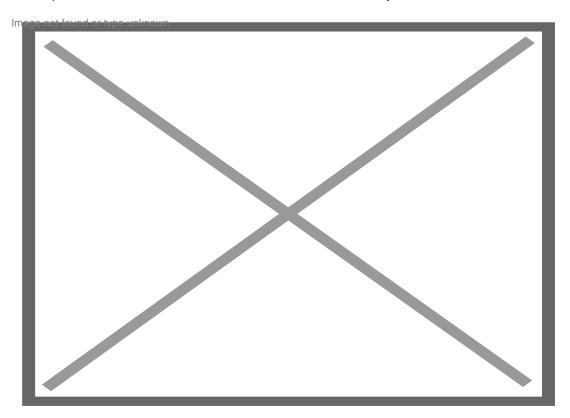
The Decree was published in the Official Gazette number 29945 on 11 January 2017 and entered into effect on the same day.

Please see this <u>link</u> for the full text of the relevant Decree and its annexes (only available in Turkish).

Additional Customs Duty and Tariff Quotas Have Been Imposed On Steel Wire Imports

Additional customs duty and tariff quotas have been imposed on steel wire imports by the Council of Ministers' Decree number 2016/9595 ("**Decree**") published in the Official Gazette numbered 29945 on 11 January 2017.

Tariff quotas and the additional customs duties determined by the Decree are:



Please see this link for the full text of the Decree and its annexes (only available in Turkish).

Tariff Quota System for Importing Natural Resins and Related Abietic Acids and Catalysts Containing Tungsten Trioxide

A tariff quota has been imposed on natural resins, abietic acids obtained from natural resins, as well as catalysts containing tungsten trioxide from 7 December 2016 by Council of Ministers' Decree number 2016/9512 ("**Decree**").

The Communiqué on Tariff Quotas in Imports of Natural Resins and Abietic Acids Obtained From Natural Resins and Catalyst Containing Tungsten Trioxide ("**Communiqué**") determines procedures and principals for applying, using and distributing tariff quotas. The Communiqué was published in Official Gazette number 29954 on 20 January 2017, entering into effect on the same date.

To apply to receive the tariff quota, an Import License Application Form must be completed and sent to the Ministry of Economy ("Ministry") within 10 days from the publication of the Communiqué with the following documents:

- Signatory circular
- Trade Registry Gazette
- Capacity report
- Proforma invoice or commercial invoice.
- Customs declaration spreadsheet certified by a certified public accountant for 2014, 2015 and 2016.
- Activity form obtained from a chamber of certified public accountants.

Tariff quotas will distributed by a demand collection method. Import licenses issued by the Ministry within the scope of tariff quotas will be valid until 31 December 2017 and must be returned to the Ministry on expiry. Licenses cannot be transferred.

Please see this link for the full text of the relevant Communiqué and its annexes (only available in Turkish).

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Tariff Quota System for Importing Certain Industrial Products

A tariff quota has been imposed on certain industrial products from 7 December 2016 by Council of Ministers' Decree number 2016/9513 ("**Decree**").

The Communiqué on Tariff Quotas in Imports of Certain Industrial Products ("**Communiqué**") determines procedures and principals for applying, using and distributing tariff quotas related certain industrial products. The Communiqué was published in Official Gazette number 29954 on 20 January 2017, entering into effect on the same date.

To apply to receive the tariff quota, an Import License Application Form must be completed and sent to the Ministry of Economy ("Ministry") within 10 days from the publication of the Communiqué with the following documents:

- Signatory circular
- Trade Registry Gazette
- Capacity report
- Proforma invoice or commercial invoice.
- Customs declaration spreadsheet certified by a certified public accountant for 2014, 2015 and 2016.
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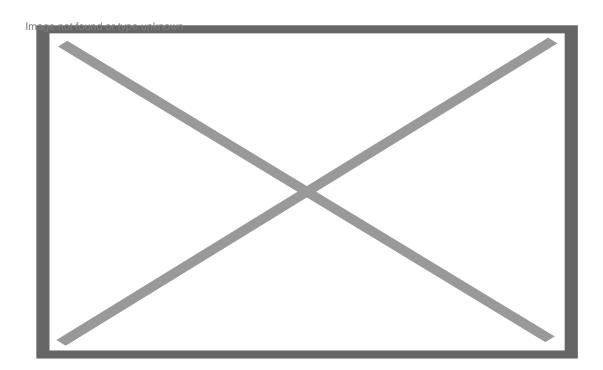
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Anti-Dumping Duties Expiring in Second Half of 2017 Announced

The Communiqué on Unfair Competition Prevention in Imports numbered 2017/2 ("**Communiqué**") was published in Official Gazette number 29446 on 12 January 2017. The Communiqué announced the anti-dumping duties which will expire in the second half of 2017, provided that an expiry revision investigation is not launched.



Domestic producers or persons acting on behalf of domestic producers (either legal or real) can ask the Import General Directorate of the Ministry of Economy to initiate an expiry revision investigation. Requests must be made on the grounds that termination of the current anti-dumping duties will cause dumping to continue and repeat the related damage. Written applications must be submitted to the Directorate at the latest three months before the termination date.

If an application is deemed valid, the Directorate will initiate an expiry revision investigation. The current anti-dumping duty will remain in force until the expiry revision investigation is complete.

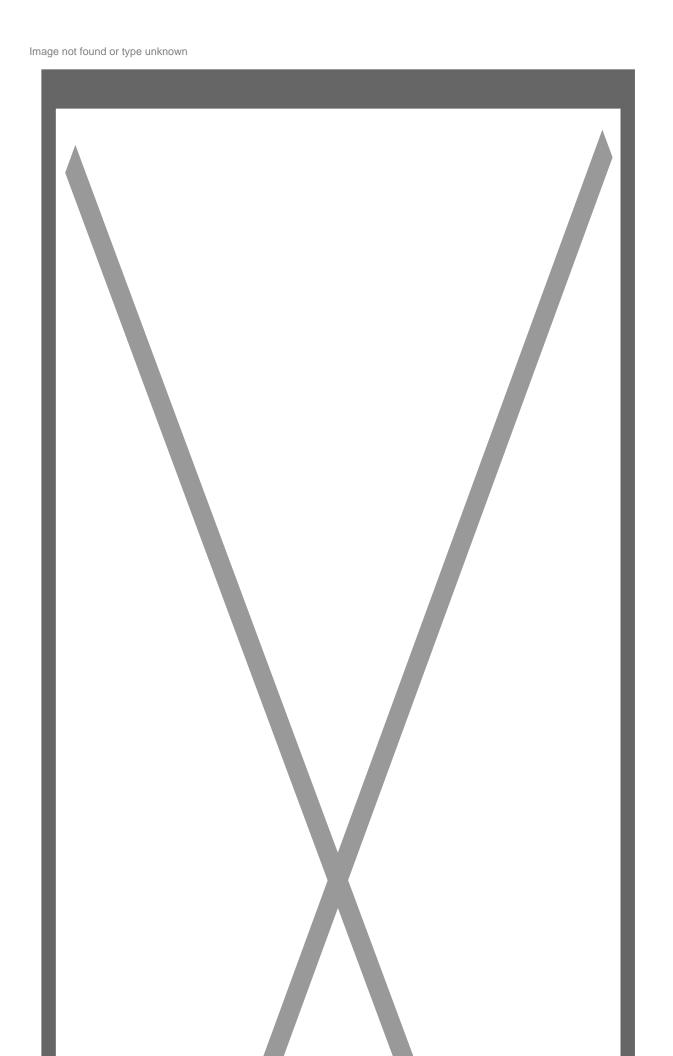
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Additional Customs Duty Applied to Pipes, Profiles, Engines, Pumps, Generators, Tractors and Gearboxes

Additional customs duty has been applied to the products in list number II, attached to the Import Regime Decision by Council of Ministers Decree number 2017/9750 ("**Decree**").

Additional customs duty apply according to the relevant country's category:

- 1. EU Member Countries, EFTA-Member Countries, Israel, Macedonia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Morocco, Western Bank and Gaza Strip, Tunisia, Egypt, Georgia, Albania, Jordan, Chile, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, Moldovia.
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- 7. Special Incentive Regulation Countries.
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The Decree was published in Official Gazette number 29952 on 18 January 2017, entering into effect on the same day.

Please see this link for the full text of the relevant Decree and its annexes (only available in Turkish).

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