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NOTE

From:	Mr Denis REDONNET, Deputy-Director General for Trade, European Commission
On:	22 December 2020
To:	President of the EU-Turkey Association Council

Subject:	Partial interim review investigation of the countervailing measures on imports of certain rainbow trout originating in the Republic of Turkey, limited to the subsidy aspects of one Turkish exporting producer
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Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Commission has received a properly documented request for the initiation of partial review of the countervailing measures on imports of certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey.

Attached you will find a copy of the Note Verbale sent to the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union, containing a summary of the request. You will also find attached a copy of the letter in which the government of Turkey is invited for consultation prior to the possible initiation of the review, in accordance with Article 10(7) of Regulation (EC) No 2016/1037 of the European Parliament and the Council (OJ L 176, 30.06.2016, p. 55), which reproduces the provision of Article 13.1 of the WTO Subsidies Agreement.

I would like to take this opportunity to renew to the President of the EU-Turkey Association Council the assurance of my highest consideration, and to remind you that you will be kept duly informed of any further developments.

Denis REDONNET

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EUROPEAN COMMISSION
Directorate-General for Trade

NOTE VERBALE

The Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission presents its compliments to the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union and has the honour to notify it that the European Commission has received a properly documented request for a partial review of the anti-subsidy measures concerning imports of rainbow trout originating in Turkey limited to the subsidy aspects of one Turkish exporting producer.

The request was lodged by Selina Balik Isleme Tesis Ithalat Ihracat ve Ticaret Anonim Sirketi ('Selina Balik') ('the applicant').

The product subject to this review is rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

- live weighing 1,2 kg or less each, or
- fresh, chilled, frozen and/or smoked:
 - in the form of whole fish (with heads on), whether or not gilled, whether or not gutted, weighing 1,2 kg or less each, or
 - with heads off, whether or not gilled, whether or not gutted, weighing 1 kg or less each, or
 - in the form of fillets weighing 400 g or less each,

originating in Turkey and currently falling under CN codes ex 0301 91 90, ex 0302 11 80, ex 0303 14 90, ex 0304 42 90, ex 0304 82 90 and ex 0305 43 00, (TARIC codes 0301 91 90 11, 0302 11 80 11, 0303 14 90 11, 0304 42 90 10, 0304 82 90 10 and 0305 43 00 11) ('product under review').

The applicant has provided sufficient evidence, showing that circumstances, with regard to its subsidisation, have significantly changed that these changes are of a lasting nature.

The Commission's services are currently examining this request and the supporting evidence submitted in order to assess whether the initiation of the partial review is warranted. The Commission has, in a separate letter to Permanent Representation of the Republic of Turkey to the European Union, invited the Government of Turkey for consultation in accordance with Article 10(7) of Council Regulation 2016/1037 on protection against subsidised imports from countries not members of the European Union.

Should the European Commission decide to initiate a partial review investigation, information, including copies of the notice of initiation and the request for review, will be

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provided to the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union immediately upon publication of the notice of initiation of the review investigation in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

The Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission takes this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union the assurance of its highest consideration, and to notify that it will keep the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union duly informed of any further developments.

Brussels,



**PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF TURKEY
TO THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Att: Mr Günhan Emre ERSOY

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Subject: Initiation of a partial interim review investigation of the countervailing measures on imports of certain rainbow trout originating in the Republic of Turkey, limited to the subsidy aspects of one Turkish exporting producer.

Dear Mr Günhan Emre ERSOY,

We hereby inform you that the Commission is considering to initiate a partial interim review following a request of the Turkish exporting producer, Selina Balok Isleme Tesis İthalat İhracat ve Ticaret Anonim Şirketi ("Selina Balık"), of the anti-subsidy measures concerning imports of certain rainbow trout from the Republic of Turkey. The review is limited in scope and will consist of an examination of the subsidy aspects of that Turkish exporting producer.

A copy of the non-confidential version of the request explaining the grounds for the initiation of the review is enclosed for your information.

The Government of the Republic of Turkey is hereby notified and invited for consultations.

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If you wish to take up this offer of consultations, comment or request a meeting with the Commission services, please contact Mr (Zoi.Tsoulaki@ec.europa.eu, tel: 02/2988635) or myself to schedule a date, at the latest before 18 December 2020.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
Wolfgang MÜLLER
Head of Unit

Encl.: non-confidential version of the request
CC: T. Hammaren, DG TRADE

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 Electronically signed on 15/12/2020 12:05 (UTC+01) in accordance with article 11 of Commission Decision C(2020) 4482