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NOTE

From:	Mr Denis REDONNET, Deputy-Director General for Trade, European Commission
On:	27 August 2021
To:	President of the EU-Turkey Association Council
Subject:	Ex – officio interim review investigation of the countervailing measures on imports of certain rainbow trout originating in the Republic of Turkey

Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Commission has received from a number of Turkish exporting producers properly documented requests for the initiation of interim reviews of the countervailing measures on imports of certain rainbow trout originating in Turkey. Given the high number of these requests, the Commission is currently considering the initiation of an ex-officio review of the above-mentioned countervailing measures.

Attached you will find a copy of the Note Verbale sent to the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union. 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.

Electronically signed¹,

Denis REDONNET

Encl.: - Note Verbale

- Letter addressed to the Permanent Representation of Turkey to the European Union

¹ Electronically signed on 26/08/2021 11:30 (UTC+02) in accordance with article 11 of Commission Decision C(2020) 4482



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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 received a number of documented requests from Turkish exporting producers for partial reviews of the anti-subsidy measures concerning imports of rainbow trout originating in Turkey limited to the subsidy aspects of these Turkish exporting producers and is currently considering the initiation of an ex – officio interim review.

The product subject to these reviews 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 Commission's services are currently considering whether the initiation of the ex – officio 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 an ex - officio review investigation, information, including copies of the notice of initiation, will be 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

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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 an ex - officio interim review investigation of the countervailing measures on imports of certain rainbow trout originating in the Republic of Turkey.

Dear Mr Günhan Emre ERSOY,

We hereby inform you that the Commission received several requests from Turkish exporting producers for the interim review of the anti-subsidy measures concerning imports of certain rainbow trout from the Republic of Turkey. Given the high number of requests, the Commission is considering the initiation of an ex-officio interim review of the above mentioned measures. The review, if initiated, will be limited in scope and will consist of an examination of the subsidy aspects of all Turkish exporting producers.

A copy of the non-confidential version of the ex – officio file 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.

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 3 September 2021.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
Wolfgang MÜLLER
Head of Unit

Encl.: non-confidential version of the ex – officio file

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