

QUARTERLY UPDATE on TRADE DEFENSE CASES IN TURKEY (December 2018)

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In Turkey, the authority to initiate dumping or subsidy examinations, upon complaint or, where necessary, *ex officio*, is given to the Ministry of Trade (“Ministry”). Within the scope of this authority, the Ministry announces its decisions with the communiqués published on the Official Gazette.

During the last quarter of 2018, the Ministry has initiated several expiry review investigations and announced its decisions upon concluding several ongoing investigations.

Below is a bullet-point summary of the status of the trade defense cases initiated, finalized or amended during the last quarter of 2018:

- *Communiqué No. 2018/34 dated October 5th, 2018 concerning the imports of electrically operated (wall clocks) originating from People’s Republic of China:*
The Ministry initiated an expiry review investigation in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of electrically operated (wall clocks) classified under the CN Code 9105.21.00.00.00 originating from People’s Republic of China.
- *Communiqué No. 2018/35 dated October 16th, 2018 concerning several imports originating from People’s Republic of China, India and Vietnam:*
The Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of continuous transmission straps (v-straps, except v-grooved) with trapeze cut and outlines between 60 cm and 180 cm, classified under the CN code 4010.32.00.00.00, continuous transmission straps (v-straps, except v-grooved) with trapeze cut and outlines between 180 cm and 240 cm, classified under the CN code 4010.34.00.00.00 and continuous transmission straps (v-straps, except v-grooved) with trapeze cut classified under the CN code 4010.39.00.00.00 originating from People’s Republic of China, India and Vietnam. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to impose the anti-dumping duty of 3.15 USD/kg on imports of each product originating from each listed country.

- *Communiqué No. 2018/37 dated October 16th, 2018 concerning the withdrawn application for the anti-dumping investigation regarding certain imports originating from Republic of Korea:*

The Ministry announced its decision upon the withdrawal of the domestic producers' application within the investigation period in relation to the anti-dumping investigation on imports of additives prepared for cement, mortar and concrete classified under the CN Code 3824.40.00.00.00 and polycarboxylates (acrylic acid or methacrylic acid of 70% concentrated aqueous solutions and polyethylene glycol derivatives of polymers composed of 70% or more polymer) classified as "Others" under the CN Code 3906.90.90.00.00 originating from Republic of Korea. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to finalize the anti-dumping investigation without imposing any duties.

- *Communiqué No. 2018/38 dated October 16th, 2018 concerning the imports of synthetic and artificial discontinuous fiber originating from Nepal and Bangladesh:*

Currently, anti-dumping duties are imposed to the imports of synthetic and artificial discontinuous fiber classified under the CN Code 55.08; 55.09 (except 5509.52, 5509.61 and 5509.91); 55.10 (except 5510.20) and 55.11 originating from People's Republic of China, Indonesia and India as per the Communiqué No. 2009/1 and 2015/8; to imports of the same originating from Malaysia, Pakistan, Thailand and Vietnam as per the Communiqué No. 2014/2. As per the Communiqué No. 2016/22, the Ministry decided to include Chinese Taipei within the scope of the measures. After the completion of anti-circumvention investigation, the Ministry decided not to impose any duties on the imports from Nepal, but to impose an anti-dumping duty of 0.80 USD/kg for imports of the same products originating from Bangladesh excluding one company for which the Ministry decided to not impose any anti-dumping duties.

- *Communiqué on Amendment of the Communiqué No. 2015/9 dated October 16th, 2018 concerning coagulated artificial leathers originating from People's Republic of China:*

The Ministry has amended the Communiqué No. 2015/9 dated April 12th, 2015 through the Communiqué dated October 16th, 2018, and indicated that anti-dumping duty of 1.9 USD/kg will be applied on coagulated artificial leathers classified under the CN code 5603.14 as well as 3921.13 originating from People's Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2018/36 dated October 20th, 2018 concerning the imports of polyester synthetic discontinuous fibers (polyester fiber) originating from People's Republic of China:*

The Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of polyester synthetic discontinuous fibers (polyester fiber), classified under the CN code 5503.20.00.00.00

originating from People's Republic of China. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to impose an anti-dumping duty of 0.21 USD/kg on the above imports of polyester synthetic discontinuous fibers (polyester fiber) originating from People's Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2018/39 dated October 27th, 2018 concerning the imports of products classified as “flux cored welding wires” originating from Socialist Republic of Vietnam:*

The Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the anti-dumping investigation on imports of wires filled with metal base (for welding electric arcs), classified as “flux cored welding wires” under the CN code 8311.20.00.00.00 originating from Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to impose an anti-dumping duty at a rate of 29.65% for imports of products classified as “flux cored welding wires” originating from Socialist Republic of Vietnam, excluding one company for which the Ministry decided to impose an anti-dumping duty at a rate of 21.15%.

- *Communiqué No. 2018/40 dated December 31st, 2018 concerning the imports of polystyrene classified as “others” originating from Islamic Republic of Iran:*

The Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the anti-dumping investigation on imports of polystyrene, classified as “others” under the CN code 3903.19.00.00.00 originating from Islamic Republic of Iran. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to impose an anti-dumping duty at a rate of 11,3% of the CIF costs for imports of polystyrene classified as “others” originating from Islamic Republic of Iran.

*The content of this article is intended to provide a general guide to the subject matter.
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