

Quarterly Update on Trade Defense Cases in Turkey– March 2019

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The authority to initiate dumping or subsidy examinations, upon complaint or, where necessary, *ex officio*, has been given from the Ministry of Economy 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 first quarter of 2019, the Ministry has initiated and announced its decisions upon concluding a number of expiry review investigations, as well as announcing its decision upon withdrawal of applications of certain investigations.

Below is a bullet-point summary of the status of the trade defense cases initiated, concluded or amended during the first quarter of 2019:

- *Communiqué No. 2019/1 dated December 31st, 2018 concerning the imports of polyester synthetic discontinuous fibers (polyester fiber) originating from Republic of India, Chinese Taipei and Kingdom of Thailand:*

The Ministry initiated an 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 Republic of India, Chinese Taipei and Kingdom of Thailand.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/2 dated December 31st, 2018 concerning the imports of yarns out of synthetic and artificial discontinuous fiber (staple fiber yarn) originating from People’s Republic of China, Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Thailand and Socialist Republic of Vietnam:*

The Ministry initiated an expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of yarns out of synthetic and artificial discontinuous fiber (staple fiber yarn) classified under the CN Codes 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, Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Kingdom of Thailand and Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/3 dated December 31st, 2018 concerning the imports of stainless steel tubes from People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei:*

The Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of tubes classified as “others” under the CN Codes 7306.40.20.90.00 and 7306.40.80.90.00 and “made of stainless steel” under the CN Code 7306.61.10.00.00 originating from People's Republic of China and Chinese Taipei. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duty at a rate of (i) 11.50% of the CIF cost on imports from Chinese Taipei excluding two companies for which the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duties at a rate of 7.98% and (ii) 20.50% of the CIF cost on imports from People's Republic of China, excluding two companies for which the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duties at rates 13.82% and 20.50% of the CIF costs.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/4 dated December 31st, 2018 concerning the imports of woven fabrics of synthetic or artificial discontinuous fibers 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 woven fabrics of synthetic or artificial discontinuous fibers classified under the CN codes 55.13, 55.14, 55.15 and 55.16 originating from People's Republic of China. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duty at a rate of 44% of the CIF cost on imports of woven fabrics of synthetic or artificial discontinuous fibers originating from People's Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/5 dated January 12th, 2019 concerning certain imports of several blankets originating from People's Republic of China:*

The Ministry initiated an expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of products classified as “blankets of synthetic fiber (except those electronically heated) and travel blankets” under the CN Code 6301.40, as “other blankets and travel blankets” under the CN Code 6301.90 and as “blankets obtained only through rolled or cut woven and feathered textiles” under the CN Codes 6001.10.00.00.11 and 6001.92 originating from People's Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/6 dated January 12th, 2019 concerning the withdrawn application regarding imports of products classified as “acrylic or modacrylic” originating from People's Republic of China:*

The Ministry announced its decision to terminate the anti-subsidy investigation without applying any duties after the domestic industry's withdrawal of application within the investigation term in relation to the imports of products classified as “acrylic or modacrylic” under the CN Code 5501.30.00.00.00 originating from People's Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/7 dated January 12th, 2019 concerning the withdrawn application regarding imports of products classified as “acrylic or modacrylic” originating from Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Korea, People’s Republic of China and Kingdom of Thailand:*

The Ministry announced its decision to terminate the anti-dumping investigation without applying any duties after the domestic industry’s withdrawal of application within the investigation term in relation to the imports of products classified as “acrylic or modacrylic” under the CN Code 5501.30.00.00.00 originating from Federal Republic of Germany, Republic of Korea, People’s Republic of China and Kingdom of Thailand.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/9 dated March 19th, 2019 concerning the imports of dioctyl terephthalate classified as “others” under the CN Code 3812.20.90.00.00 originating from South Korea:*

Currently, anti-dumping duties are imposed to the imports of dioctyl terephthalate under the CN Code 2917.39.95.90.13 originating from South Korea as per the Communiqué No. 2017/24. With the Communiqué No. 2019/9 dated March 19th, 2019, the Ministry initiated an anti-circumvention investigation regarding the imports of dioctyl terephthalate originating from South Korea, as a result of the product being modified as a compound and imported under the CN Code 3812.20.90.00.00.

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