GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Trade in Agriculture

INFORMATION ON MEASURES AFFECTING TRADE SUBMITTED BY TURKEY

Note by the Secretariat

1. This note summarizes the information provided by Turkey concerning measures affecting trade in agricultural products as set out in document AG/FOR/TUR/1.

2. The information relates to 175 CCCN headings at the four-digit level in Chapters 1 to 24; no other products or headings are covered.

Measures affecting exports

3. Measures affecting exports from Turkey include export licensing (L), prohibitions (P), other forms of export controls or restrictions (OFXC) and State trading (ST). Export licensing (L) is applied to 10 agricultural products (i.e., 01.02, 01.04, 02.04, 12.01, 12.07, 12.10, 13.03, 15.07, 24.01 and 24.02) under Article VIII and is classified under the symbol (f). Exports of other three items under CCCN headings 01.01, 06.01 and 06.02 (breeding horses, flower bulbs and live trees and plants) are subject to other export control measures (OFXC) under Article XI:2a and are shown under the symbol (a). Under the same GATT Article, exports of seven items are partially prohibited (P), with the symbol (a). State trading (ST) exists for cereals (10.01, 10.02, 10.03 and 10.05), plants for perfumery (12.07), vegetable saps, agar-agar (13.03), spirits and liqueurs (22.09) and manufactured tobacco (24.02). This is shown under Article XVII with symbol (f).

Measures affecting imports

(i) Tariffs and GATT bindings

4. Of the 175 CCCN positions, eight are wholly bound and 34 are partially bound under the GATT. Reference is made to Article II, with symbols (f) or (c). Tariffs generally range between zero and 50 per cent, but most of the sugar, coffee and chocolate products have duty rates between 50-150 per cent and wines, vermouths and spirits have between 100 and 120 per cent. Some manufactured tobaccos have duty rates up to 200 per cent. A minimum duty rate (PDC) is applied to imports of four items (10.06, 12.07, 13.02, 15.07) from the participating countries of the Protocol relating to Trade Negotiations Among Developing countries.

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(ii) Other measures

5. Other measures affecting imports of agricultural products include licensing (L), import restrictions (MR), sanitary and phytosanitary regulations (SN, PSN), and State trading (ST).

6. Licensing is used for 21 CCCN/positions under Article XVIII:B, with the symbol (f). Import restrictions under the same GATT Article are applied to 65 positions, some of which are also subject to licensing. The symbol used for this measure is also (f).

7. Sanitary and phytosanitary regulations are applied to 86 out of 175 agricultural products, but the purpose of these regulations is mainly to ensure human, animal or plant life or health rather than to restrict imports. The measure is invoked under Article XX:b, with symbol (a).

8. Imports of wheat and meslin, rye, barley and maize (10.01, 10.02, 10.03, 10.05) are channeled through State trading enterprises in accordance with GATT Article XVII and the symbol used is (f).

Summary

- 94 measures have been classified under (a)
- None under (b), (d) and (e)
- 34 measures have been shown under (c)
- 116 measures have been shown under (f)