

Quarterly Update on Trade Defense Cases in Turkey (June 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 second quarter of 2019, the Ministry has initiated and announced its decisions upon concluding a number of expiry review investigations.

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

- *Communiqué No. 2019/11 dated April 12th, 2019 concerning the imports of electric and storage water heaters from People’s Republic of China, Italian Republic and Republic of Serbia:*

The Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of electric and storage water heaters classified under the CN Code 8516.10.80.00.19 originating from People’s Republic of China, Italian Republic and Republic of Serbia. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duty at a rate of (i) 49% of the CIF cost on imports from People’s Republic of China excluding one company for which the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duty at a rate of 22% of the CIF costs, (ii) 24% of the CIF cost on imports from Italian Republic excluding two companies for which the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duties at rates 12% and 16% of the CIF costs, and (iii) 29% of the CIF cost on imports from Republic of Serbia.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/12 dated April 12th, 2019 concerning the imports of laminated parquet originating from Federal Republic of Germany and People’s Republic of China:*

The Ministry initiated an expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of laminated parquet classified under the CN Codes 4411.13.90.00.11, 4411.14.90.00.11, 4411.92.90.00.11 and 4411.93.90.00.11 originating from Federal Republic of Germany and People’s Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/13 dated April 12th, 2019 concerning the imports of certain products originating from People’s Republic of China:*

The Ministry initiated an expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of non-refillable pocket gas lighters classified under the CN Code

9613.10.00.00.00, imports of only refillable pocket gas lighters with plastic casing and electrical ignition system classified under the CN Code 9613.20.00.00.11, imports of refillable pocket gas lighters (with other ignition systems) classified under the CN Code 9613.20.00.00.19 and imports of plastic gas canisters (with or without gas) under the CN Code 9613.90.00.00.11 originating from People's Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/14 dated May 25th, 2019 concerning the imports of lead pencils and crayons originating from Egypt:*

Currently, anti-dumping duties are imposed on the imports of lead pencils and crayons classified under the CN Code 9609.10 originating from People's Republic of China as per the Communiqué No. 2003/1. As per the Communiqué No. 2007/5, the Ministry decided to include Thailand within the scope of the measures. With the Communiqué No. 2019/14 dated May 25th, 2019, the Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the anti-circumvention investigation regarding the imports of lead pencils and crayons classified under the CN Code 960910. Accordingly, the Ministry decided not to apply any anti-dumping duties on imports of lead pencils and crayons originating from Egypt, due to their title as manufacturer and its non-impairing effect on the current anti-dumping duties.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/15 dated May 7th, 2019 concerning the imports of woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn and woven fabrics of synthetic or artificial discontinuous fibers originating from Republic of Greece:*

Currently, anti-dumping duties are imposed on imports of woven fabrics of synthetic filament yarn under the CN Code 54.07 originating from People's Republic of China, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Philippines and Bulgaria, and on imports of woven fabrics of synthetic or artificial discontinuous fibers under the CN Codes 55.13, 55.14, 55.15 and 55.16 originating from People's Republic of China, South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand, Chinese Taipei, Philippines, Bulgaria and Poland at rates differentiating between countries and companies. With the Communiqué No. 2019/15 dated May 7th, 2019, the Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the anti-circumvention investigation regarding the imports of products classified under the CN Codes 54.07, 55.13, 55.14, 55.15 and 55.16. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to include Greece in anti-dumping duties with the same rates as those which are being applied to People's Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/16 dated May 4th, 2019 concerning the imports of certain products such as hinges and drawer slides originating from Germany and India:*

Currently, anti-dumping duties are imposed on imports of hinges (except hinges used in civilian aircrafts and means of transport under the CN Code 8302.10.00.00.12) under the CN Code 8302.10 and fixed hangers, hat-pegs, brackets and similar fixtures under the CN Code 8302.50.00.00.00 at a rate of 1.64 USD/Kg, and on imports of

products classified as “others, for furniture (except used in civilian aircrafts and seat dampers)” under the CN Code 8302.42.00.00.00 at a rate of 0.75 USD/Kg originating from People’s Republic of China, Malaysia, Indonesia, Chinese Taipei, Spain, Italy, Greece and Thailand. With the Communiqué No. 2019/16 dated May 4th, 2019, the Ministry announced its decision upon the completion of the anti-circumvention investigation regarding the imports of products classified under the CN Codes 8302.10, 8302.50.00.00.00 and 8302.42.00.00.00. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to not include Germany as it did not cause any impairing effect on the current anti-dumping duties imposed and to include India in anti-dumping duties with the same rates as the current ones, except three companies for which the Ministry decided to apply anti-dumping duties at different rates on imports of three products (only door hinges under the CN Code 8302.10.00.00.19, only furniture hinges under the CN Code 8302.10.00.00.19 and only ball drawer slides only door hinges under the CN Code 8302.42.00.00.00) based on their manufacturer certificate.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/17 dated May 23rd, 2019 concerning the imports of electrically operated wall clocks 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 electrically operated wall clocks classified under the CN code 9105.21.00.00.00 originating from People's Republic of China. Accordingly, the Ministry decided to apply an anti-dumping duty at a rate of 23% of the CIF cost on the imports of electrically operated wall clocks originating from People’s Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/18 dated May 25th, 2019 concerning the imports 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 “rolled and unsupported aluminum leaves and strips with a maximum width of 0,2 millimeters and with no further processing” under the CN Code 7607.11 and “others” under the CN Code 7607.19 originating from People’s Republic of China.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/19 dated June 7th, 2019 concerning the imports originating from the United States of America:*

Currently, anti-dumping duties are imposed on the imports of unbleached kraft papers classified under the CN Codes 4804.11.11.10.00, 4804.11.15.10.00, 4804.11.90.10.11 and 4804.11.90.10.12 originating from the United States of America as per the Communiqué No. 2015/28 and the Communiqué No. 2017/1. With the Communiqué No. 2019/18 dated June 7th, 2019, the Ministry announced its decision regarding the suspension of the definitive anti-dumping measures imposed on the imports of

unbleached kraft papers originating from the United States of America for a period of nine (9) months.

- *Communiqué No. 2019/20 dated June 27th, 2019 concerning the imports of instantaneous gas water heater originating from People's Republic of China:*

The Ministry initiated an expiry review in relation to the current dumping measures on imports of instantaneous gas water heater under the CN Code 8419.11.00.00.00 originating from People's Republic of China.

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