

COMMUNIQUE

From the Ministry of Trade:

**COMMUNIQUE ON SAFEGUARD MEASURES IN IMPORTS
(COMMUNIQUE NO: 2024/2)**

Objective and scope

ARTICLE 1- (1) The purpose of this Communique is to initiate an investigation as a result of the petition submitted by the domestic producer for the application for the imposition of safeguard measures in the import of the products classified under Chapter 60 of the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule (TCTS), titled “*knitted or crocheted goods*” and to determine the procedures and principles of the investigation to be carried out by the Directorate General for Imports (Directorate General) of the Ministry of Trade (Ministry).

Preliminary examination

ARTICLE 2- (1) During the preliminary examination made in relation to the mentioned petition, it has been determined that the imports recently increased in relative and absolute terms and that there have been deteriorations in certain economic indicators of the domestic industry.

Decision

ARTICLE 3- (1) In relation to the mentioned petition, the Committee for the Evaluation of Safeguard Measures in Imports has unanimously decided by the members participating in the meeting to initiate a safeguard investigation in order to examine whether the increase in imports of products classified under Chapter 60 of the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule (TCTS), titled “*knitted or crocheted goods*” causes serious injury or threat of serious injury to domestic industry, pursuant to the provisions of the Regulation on Safeguard Measures in Imports (Regulation) published in the Official Gazette dated 8/6/2004 and numbered 25486.

Investigation

ARTICLE 4- (1) The investigation is conducted by the Directorate General within the scope of the relevant provisions of the Regulation. All correspondences related to the investigation shall be made with the competent authority indicated below:

Ministry of Trade of the Republic of Türkiye
Directorate General of Imports
Department of Safeguard Measures and Surveillance
Söğütözü Mah. 2176. Sk. No:63 06530 Çankaya/ANKARA
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website: <https://www.trade.gov.tr/> e-mail: korunma@ticaret.gov.tr

(2) In the investigation, “companies, institutions and organisations who are located in Turkey and wish to be interested parties” shall submit their responses to the questionnaires and their opinions to the following KEP address of the Ministry from their official KEP addresses.

KEP address of the Ministry of Trade: ticaretbakanligi@hs01.kep.tr

(3) In the investigation, “companies, institutions and organisations who are located abroad and wish to be interested parties” shall submit their responses to the questionnaires and their opinions to the below e-mail address of the Ministry.

Directorate General EBYS address: korunma@ticaret.gov.tr

Interested Parties

ARTICLE 5- (1) Those who provide their responses to the relevant questionnaires at the link under paragraph 1 of Article 6 within 30 days from the date of the publication of this Communiqué and submit their responses to the Directorate General will be accepted as “interested party” within the scope of the investigation.

Questionnaires, Submission of Opinions and Information

ARTICLE 6- (1) The questionnaires related to the investigation and the non-confidential summary of the petition are available in the “Safeguard Measures / Ongoing Investigations” link on the “Trade Defence Policy” page under the “Imports” heading on the Ministry’s website (<https://www.trade.gov.tr/>) and can be downloaded from the page of the investigation in question.

(2) Interested parties are required to complete the questionnaire and submit it to the Directorate General within 30 days following the publication date of this Communiqué. Interested parties may obtain assistance from the Directorate General regarding the completion of the questionnaires.

(3) Written and verbal communication regarding the investigation shall be made in Turkish. Interested parties shall submit their responses to the questionnaire and all other information, documents, opinions and requests other

than these responses in writing and in Turkish. Responses, information, documents, opinions and requests submitted in a language other than Turkish shall not be taken into consideration.

(4) During the investigation, a non-confidential summary of all kinds of information, documents and opinions provided on condition of confidentiality within the framework of paragraph 3 of Article 6 of the Regulation shall be submitted. The non-confidential summary shall be in sufficient detail to allow a reasonable understanding of the essential information. Interested parties may indicate that in exceptional circumstances this information cannot be summarised. In such exceptional cases, the reasons why the information cannot be summarised must be stated.

(5) If deemed necessary, the Directorate General may request additional information and documents from those concerned.

Hearing of the Interested Parties

ARTICLE 7- (1) The interested parties shall also submit their requests for oral hearing, if any, to the Directorate General by indicating them in the relevant questionnaires. If requested, the place and date of the hearing meeting to be held shall be announced or other announcements regarding the investigation shall be made on the Ministry's website indicated under paragraph 1 of Article 6.

Confidentiality

ARTICLE 8- (1) The information provided by the interested parties during the investigation shall be treated as confidential within the framework of the provisions set out under Article 6 of the Regulation.

Failure to Provide Information or Providing Incorrect Information

ARTICLE 9- (1) Pursuant to Article 4 of the Regulation, if the information requested by the Directorate General at any stage of the investigation is not provided within the specified deadline or if it is understood that the investigation is prevented, the investigation shall be concluded on the basis of the data available. If it is determined by the Directorate General that the information provided by the interested parties is incorrect, this information shall not be taken into consideration.

Duration of the Investigation

ARTICLE 10- (1) The investigation shall be conducted by the Directorate General and completed within nine months. If necessary, this period may be extended by six months.

Enforcement

ARTICLE 11- (1) This Communiqué shall enter into force on the date of its publication.

Execution

ARTICLE 12- (1) The provisions of this Communiqué shall be executed by the Minister of Trade.