

FIBRE FLAX AND HEMP SECTOR

Non-exhaustive list of issues and questions to facilitate preparations for bilateral meetings

TURKEY

1. BASIC INFORMATION (BOTH FOR FLAX AND HEMP)

a) Balance sheet

Balance sheet (flax)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Area (ha)	320	385	320	290	250	250	250
Yield (kg/ha)							
Straw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fibres	50	26	22	58	200	55	55
Seed	570	590	541	534	520	110	80
Production (ton)							
Straw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fibres	16	10	7	17	50	55	55
Seed	185	227	173	155	130	110	80
Import (volumes, origins)	See Annex 1.						
Export (volumes, origins)							
Stocks	There is no data available						

Source: TURKSTAT

Balance sheet (hemp)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Area (ha)	800	536	883	700	660	650	375
Yield (kg/ha)							
Straw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fibres	1250	1450	1409	1428	1365	1230	600
Seed	124	103	159	228	76	123	30
Production (ton)							
Straw	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fibres	1000	777	1244	1000	900	800	600
Seed	99	55	140	160	50	80	30
Import (volumes, origins) (kg)	See Annex 1.						
Export (volumes, destinations) (kg)							
Stocks	There is no data available						

Source: Turkish Institute Statistics (TURKSTAT)

b) Prices

Prices (Euro/Kg)	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Flax fibre (*)	0,45	0,69	0,69	0,65	0,50	0,50	0,49
Hemp fibre (*)	0,68	0,68	0,68	0,42	0,43	0,69	0,82

(*) : only fibre prices for flax and hemp. Straw prices are not available.

Turkey makes no distinction for long and short fibres

Source: TURKSTAT

c) Number of processing plants and their processing capacity, as well as number of farmers: are there seed producers?

There are no processing plants. Farmers are processing own products.

Number of farmers:

Although 50 flax farmers and 40 hemp farmers registered in National Farmer Registration System of MARA, the number of flax farmers are estimated to be higher than that. Hemp farming is subject to permission.

There are seed producers but there is no data about numbers of producers.

d) Are there any environmental programs?

There are no environmental programs.

2. MARKET TOOLS AND CONTROL SYSTEM

a) How is the trade organized? Are there any producers' organizations?

There are no producers' organizations. Producers are processing own product.

b) Is there any publication concerning the price for a standard quality or for different qualities of fibres? Which are the characteristics or minimum criteria (for example impurity level)?

Although there is no publication concerning the price for a standard quality, there are two Turkish Standards (TS) for flax and hemp fibres. TS 3910 is for flax fibre and TS 3911 for hemp fibre.

But it is not obligatory to use these standards.

c) Administrative control

• Is there a central registration system of processing plants?

There is no a central registration system of processing plants.

• Hemp: is there a system of regulating authorized varieties? Is there a system of authorization of hemp sowing?

There is no a system of regulating authorized varieties. There is a system of permission of hemp sowing in Turkey. This system is regulated by (TR) Regulation No: 20672 dated 21 October 1990 about Hemp Sowing and Controlling. Sowing areas are determined based on province level by Ministry of Agricultural and Rural Affairs. It is prohibited to sow hemp except these provinces. All farmers have to get permission for hemp sowing

from competent authority. If farmers sow hemp without permission, they will be penalized.

- There is a control system for hemp production. All hemp sowing areas are regularly controlled by MARA from sowing to harvest. (TR) Regulation No: 20672 of 21 October 1990 about Hemp Sowing and Controlling defines the competent control body and control times.

• **Is there a control of fibre processors in terms of quantity and quality of processed fibres)?**

There is no a control of fibre processors in terms of quantity and quality of processed fibres in Turkey.

• **Is there a control of the percentage of THC in the hemp sector? Is there a maximum allowed limit of THC content? What is the method of its determination? Is there a laboratory?**

There is no a control of the percentage of THC in the hemp sector.

• **Is there a control on the import of hemp seeds?**

Import of hemp seeds is arranged by control certificate which is given by MARA, agricultural quarantine directives and Communiqué of D.T.S No:2005/5-annex:IV – Standardization for Foreign Trade.

3. TRADE

• **Is there a system of import licences? If so, could you describe the system (delivery documents, type of control, custom duties ...)?**

Under the current Import Regime, there is no import license system for fibre flax and hemp.

The applied customs duty rates are indicated below.

CN Code	Product Name	Customs Duty
12.04	Linseed, whether or not broken	0 %
1207.99.91	Hemp Seeds	4 %
5301	Flax	Free
5302	True hemp	Free

Source: Undersecretariat Foreign Trade (UFT)

• **Is there an aid system for exportation? If so, could you describe the mechanism (direct aid for traders, export refunds ...)?**

There's no aid system as for exportation,

• **Are there trade agreements with third countries? If so, please provide a description (with Central-European Countries, WTO, import/export quotas, tariff reductions ...).**

Within Turkey's free trade agreements, only the fibres originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina are subject to a concession of % 0 duty on unlimited basis within Turkey-Bosnia and Herzegovina Free Trade Agreement.

4. PREMIUM

- **Are there any subsidies paid to flax fibre and hemp fibre producers and/or to the processors**

– **as an income support?**

There is no specific income support for fibre producers and processors

– **as a price support?**

There is no specific price support for fibre producers and processors

– **as a structural support?**

There is no structural support for fibre producers and processors

– **as a support for environment?**

There is no environment support for fibre producers and processors

- **If so, describe the system of aid (per ha, per quantity, total budget, quantitative restrictions, beneficiaries, general conditions)**

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- **Are there any sanctions foreseen?**

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5. OTHER

- **Please indicate any particular situation relevant in this sector?**

There is no particular situation relevant in this sector.

Annex 1.

EXPORTS OF FLAX (5301)																
	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005 (Jan-Oct)	
	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD
France							98	1.500	6.002	11.954						
Belgium Luxemburg							116.786	51.308								
Netherlands	2.875	9.482														
Germany	2.196	13.188	327	9.354	780	383					110	3.258				
Greece	155	506	3.290	15.135							2.000	1.560	4.000	12.776		
Belgium									21.952	34.406						
Sweden	1.736	6.210														
Poland			186	150												
Czech Rep											5.292	10.928				
Romania	15	76	18	111			36	319	100	2.145	35	300	737	3.926	800	2.279
Bulgaria	278	635	206	511	106	395									99	764
Albania			132	227			22	14	500	350	1.550	1.460	173	2.125		
Ukraine	50	44	100	663	67	352					3	184	265	1.419		
Belarus							350	1.502	81.110	137.869	119.925	246.805				
Moldavia	54	179	31	105					130	643						
Russian Federation	2.481	5.757	308	718	1.161	2.080	620	1.081	4.014	5.938	363.013	715.047	2.094	3.983	2.031	7.346
Georgia	5	25	25	53	90	600			70	318						
Azerbaijan	923	1.855	18.815	1.494	148	165			349	579	250	383				
Kazakhstan	3.762	11.622	655	432	31	58	1.587	1.878	2.375	7.735	1.113	1.181	425	2.207	1.934	11.105
Turkmenistan	465	1.041	596	1.762	1.586	2.993	1.763	4.275	2.395	3.543	214	623	1.454	6.751	355	1.596
Uzbekistan	185	538	7	24			33	186	310	2.144	302	2.240	40	131		
Tajickistan	5	16					10	50							49	527

Kirghizistan											30	158	54	406		
Bosnia Herzegovina	5	6											50	104	50	108
Serbia Montenegro			8	21	580	974			520	525						
Macedonia					1.854	3.859	500	600	2.000	1.270	100	100	285	1.764	1.800	4.497
Morocco	470	5.687														
Algeria					11.000	27.300										
Libya			41	196	50	148										
Egypt													50	158		
Sudan															5	154
Senegal											150	416				
Nigeria													800	1.472		
Etiopia	262	174														
Iraq											440	1.008	1.335	3.622	1.058	2.411
Iran											40	203				
Jordan			8	51												
UAE									250	320			18	181		
Afganistan									420	245	53	1.111	871	1.820		
Mongolia	7	19														
People's Rep China													990	33.548		
Makao	20	48														
Other Countries	1360	3019	286	967	1539	10367	1025	1297	2208	3183	1255	2724	1899	5017	2828	5040
TOTAL	17.309	60.127	25.039	31.974	18.992	49.674	122.830	64.010	124.705	213.167	495.875	989.689	15.540	81.410	11.009	35.827

Source: UFT

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	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD
France	365.005	646.116	439.315	1.111.737	547.661	1.147.819	367.476	746.232	508.572	1.277.970	611.716	1.369.739	366.903	971.442	95.571	382.367
Belgium Luxemburg	404.091	480.404	436.982	641.188	624.112	976.146	361.057	554.185								
Netherlands	4.873	10.586	1.015	1.794	187	1.698	919	1.194								
Germany	23.055	46.065			493	1.063					33.942	68.089	9.706	24.373	13.873	28.361
Italy	576	1.104	7.552	16.626							7.003	13.473	3.020	47.272	1.742	23.888
UK									6	123						
Ireland	1.200	2.611														
Greece	150.600	226.959														
Portugal					10.664	42.480										
Spain	3.446	6.606					18	108								
Belgium									710.207	1.171.337	718.392	1.387.980	464.896	955.532	490.673	983.269
Sweden	281	364														
Austria	15.186	47.801														
Czech Rep			2.991	5.047									551	26.730		
Belarus													16.695	25.081		
Egypt	67.500	95.652	44.528	66.521	126.250	232.153	34.000	57.400	98.000	121.206	138.200	238.280	291.016	509.239	288.837	527.542
Kenya			30.000	21.795												
Tanzania	3.912	9.023														
Argentina	25	267														
Bangladesh	4.503	13.932														
Singapore	12	61														
People's Rep China			1.630	6.288												
Other Countries															3.324	6.428
TOTAL	1.044.265	1.587.551	964.013	1.870.996	1.309.367	2.401.359	763.470	1.359.119	1.316.785	2.570.636	1.509.253	3.077.561	1.152.787	2.559.669	894.020	1.951.855

Source: UFT

EXPORTS OF TRUE HEMP (5302)																
	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005 (Jan-Oct)	
	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD
France	2.176	3.925	32.819	61.470	111.500	35.450										
Germany					15	306									75	277
Greece			2.998	5.615												
Romania													146	180	114	709
Bulgaria															150	1.529
Ukraine									40	302			500	250		
Russian Fed	430	850	28	53	249	150									500	2.032
Georgia			90	356					50	154						
Azerbaijan	99	112	540	1.048	500	428	9	3			30	135				
Kazakhstan	20	34	21	51			20	28	90	204	499	960	250	1.184	100	384
Turkmenistan	20	20	1	3	1.090	3.871	116	345							49	146
Uzbekhstan	6	50	3	4					25	124			100	121		
Kirghizistan													227	152		
Macedonia					110	63										
Libya			5	6												
Northern Cyprus	90	163	45	86	130	365										
Iraq											500	600	100	100		
Saudi Arabia					2.452	4.592										
Afghanisthan											240	240	629	659		
Other	-	-	-	-	293	316										
TOTAL	2.841	5.154	36.550	68.692	116.339	45.541	145	376	205	784	1.269	1.935	1.952	2.646	988	5.077

Source: UFT

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	1998		1999		2000		2001		2002		2003		2004		2005 (Jan-Oct)	
	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD	Kg	USD
France	340.847	737.708			1.537.616	533.108	1.573.670	846.819	624.870	408.219						
Belgium Luxemburg			48.661	51.975												
Netherlands	314.316	652.252	1.417.875	561.467			12.500	629.486	1.983.290	1.030.699			663.350	462.501	319.000	217.624
Germany	7.495	15.056	124	252			78	176	6	106	9	173				
Romania					13.280	9.487										
Ukraine															500	322
Tanzania					48.000	26.918										
People's Rep China													11.600	11.756		
TOTAL	662.658	1.405.016	1.466.660	613.694	1.598.896	569.513	1.586.248	1.476.481	2.608.166	1.439.024	9	173	674.950	474.257	319.500	217.946

Source: UFT