

COMMON MARKET ORGANISATION IN BANANAS

Croatia and Turkey – screening of agricultural acquis

Country: TURKEY

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

1. BASIC INFORMATION

– Domestic production (tonnes)

Banana	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005 (estimation)
Production	32,000	34,000	64,000	75,000	95,000	110,000	130,000	135,000

Source: Turkish Statistics Institute (TURKSTAT)

– Imports (tonnes)

– Exports (please specify country of origin) (tonnes)

See Annex for import / export figures for banana. (*Source: Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade*)

• Varieties produced

Produced varieties are Cavendish and Gross Michel. (TS 1802)

Williams and Grand Naine are also produced in Turkey.

• Total domestic use

– self sufficiency (%) : Not available.

2. FARM STRUCTURE

– Surface cultivated (ha)

Product name	Years							
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Banana	1,193	1,227	1,725	1,875	2,385	2,520	3,000	-

Source: TURKSTAT

– Total number of producers

There are 927 producers registered on National Farmer Registry System.

– Number of producers' groups (if any)

Within the framework of Law No. 5200 on Agricultural Producer Organizations, any banana PO hasn't been established yet.

Within the framework of Law No. 5253 on Associations, 2 Banana Producers Associations have been established. However, their role is not related with marketing.

MARKET

- **Trade and price**

- **Average CIF prices (green bananas)**

- **Domestic**

Not available.

- **Import**

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
€/Ton	329	346	419	440	409	345	310

Source: TURKSTAT

- **Average wholesale prices (yellow bananas)**

- **Domestic**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
€/ton	743	731	713	720	752	741

Source: Antalya Whosale Market

- **Import**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
€/ton	856	1,149	1,025	1,329	1,197	1,239

Source: Antalya Whosale Market

3. CONTROL MEASURES / LEGISLATION

- **Are their control measures for quality and marketing standards – if so, please give details**

There is Banana Standard (TS 1802) which was prepared by Turkish Standardization Institute (TSE). But it is not mandatory to use this standard neither on domestic market nor on foreign trade stage.

- **Premium system**

Are any subsidies paid to banana producers? if so, what form do these take?

There is no specific subsidy for banana producers. However, they can benefit from general support mechanisms. (such as direct income support system)

If yes, please describe the following :

- **Beneficiaries (producers and/or operators)**
 - **subsidy amounts**

- other specific conditions

- **System of production limit**

There is no system of production limit.

If there is, please give detailed description of quotas.

- **National authorities responsible for the controls**

- Does an intervention agency exist (name of the responsible institution)?

There is no intervention agency.

- **Is there any system (eg licence system) for banana trade with third countries?**

If so, can you describe this system (delivery documents, type of control etc.).

There is no license system for bananas trade with third countries.

- **Is there an aid system for exportation (direct aids for traders, warranty or assurance on credits etc.)?**

There is no aid system on export for bananas.

- **Are there import agreements with third countries (PECO, GATT and others with reduction rate applied in front of normal duties for a certain quota)?**

Bananas originating in Bosnia and Herzegovina are subject to a concession of 0 % duty on unlimited basis within Turkey and Bosnia and Herzegovina Free Trade Agreement.

- **Is there a planned programme for the implementation of EU rules concerning banana production and/or importation into your country?**

This issue will be assessed during the accession period.

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