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DECISION No 1/98 OF THE EC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL
of 25 February 1998
on the trade regime for agricultural products
(98/223/EC)

THE EC-TURKEY ASSOCIATION COUNCIL,

Whereas origin rules have been also agreed between the parties;

Having regard to the Agreement establishing an Association between the European Economic Community and Turkey,

Whereas it is appropriate to consolidate in a single document the trade preferences on agricultural products between Turkey and the Community,

Having regard to the Additional Protocol to that Agreement and in particular to Article 35 thereof,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

Whereas Article 26 of Decision 1/95 of the Association Council of 22 December 1995 on implementing the final phase of the Customs Union ⁽¹⁾ provides that Turkey and the Community shall progressively improve the preferential arrangements which they grant each other for their trade in agricultural products;

1. Quantitative restrictions on imports and on exports of agricultural products and all equivalent measures shall be prohibited between the Community and Turkey.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 shall not restrict in any way the pursuance of the respective agricultural policies of the Community and Turkey or the taking of any measures under such policies.

Whereas the resolution of the Association Council of 6 March 1995 considered it necessary to start negotiations concerning the granting of reciprocal concessions on agricultural products;

Article 2

Whereas in order to take account of certain problems following the enlargement of the Community and the implementation of the Uruguay Round Agreement certain changes to the trade regime appeared necessary;

The preferential regime applied by the Community to the import of agricultural products originating in Turkey is set out in Protocol 1.

Whereas negotiations have been held between Turkey and the Community;

Article 3

The preferential regime applied by Turkey to the import of agricultural products originating in the Community is set out in Protocol 2.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 35, 13.2.1996, p. 1.

Article 4

The rules of origin are set out in Protocol 3.

Article 5

Where either the quantities or the prices of imported products from the other party in respect of which a preferential regime has been granted causes or threatens to cause disturbance of the Community or Turkish markets, consultations shall be held as soon as possible within the Association Council. This shall not preclude the application, in an emergency, of measures provided for under Community or Turkish rules.

Article 6

Decision No 1/77 and Article 2, Article 3(1), (3) and (4) and Article 4 of Chapter 1 of Decision No 1/80 are hereby deleted.

Article 7

This Decision shall be published in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and in the Official Journal of Turkey.

Article 8

This Decision shall enter into force on the day of its adoption.

It shall apply from 1 January 1998. Nevertheless the import arrangements for hazelnuts (CN 0802 21 00 and 0802 22 00) laid down in Annex 1 to Protocol 1 shall apply from 1 January 1999.

Done at Brussels, 25 February 1998.

For the EC-Turkey Association Council

The President

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