



SEEDS



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I. LEGAL FRAMEWORK



Decree Law No. 441

Gives the authority to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA) to prepare and implement rules related to seeds.

Law No. 308

Regulates registration of new varieties, certification, production and marketing of seeds

Law No. 6968

Regulates the activities on plant quarantine

Law No. 5042

Regulates plant breeders' rights

Agricultural Strategy Paper (2006-2010)



Decree No. 8629/2005 on various state aids

Decree No. 8503/2005 on animal husbandry support (for forage crops seeds)

By-law on the registration of new varieties (O.G. No. 11622/1964)

By-law on seed certification and standards (O.G. No. 11262/1964)

By-law on the implementation of law 6968 (O.G. No. 25160/2003)

Communique No. 20/2005 on certified seed support

Communique No. 13/2005 on animal husbandry support (for forage crops seeds)

Communique No.2006/5 on standardisation in foreign trade

Circular No. 1/2005 on importing of certified seeds

Circular No. 4/2005 on exporting of certified seeds



II. CHARACTERISTICS OF SEED SECTOR



- Variety Registration: UPOV rules.
- Seed Certification: OECD and ISTA.
- Seed Market: No intervention by the state
- Seed Prices: Set freely, no monopoly in seed trade.
- Import and export: No restrictions
- Seed sector: Private sector oriented.
- Seed Companies: National, international, or joint venture companies



III. COMPARISON WITH EU



Support for Seed Production (Decree No. 8503/2005)

Species:

**Alfalfa,
Sainfoin,
Vicia sativa,
Hungarian wetch,**

- **Support for more species in EU**

Support for Seed Use (Decree No. 8629/2005)

Species:

**Rice, barley, wheat, oat, rye, triticale
Lentils, chickpeas, beans
Potatoes**

- **Support only for rice in EU**



Aid distribution Decree No. (8503/2005)

- **Granted to the producer**
- **25% of the cost of the project.**
- **A growing contract or declaration**
- **Seed certificate must be submitted**
- **Similar to EU practices**

Aid distribution Decree No. 8629/2005)

- **Granted to the user**
- **Area based**
- **A certificate and an invoice required**



Definitions

- The basic seed and certified seed : OECD and ISTA rules.
- The seeds must be marketed for sowing

Payment

- Before 30th of June of the year following that of harvest
- Administrative and document checks
- Both similar to EU practices**



IV. TRADE



Import/export Arrangements

No import/export licences. Import licences only required under tariff quotas resulting from bilateral agreements

Export refunds

No export subsidy for seeds



Preferential Trade

EU Countries

- Ad valorem duty exemption for export of seeds
- Import arrangements

Candidate countries

- Romania
- Bulgaria
- Macedonia

Third Countries

- Israel
- Bosnia and Herzegovina



Import Concessions

THE EUROPEAN UNION			
CN CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUOTA	DUTY
ex 1209	Seeds, fruit and spores, for sowing, except 1209 11 00	1.050 tons	0
1209 10 00	Sugar beet seed	300 tons	0

TURKEY-BULGARIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT			
CN CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUOTA	DUTY
1209 91	Vegetable seeds	20t	10%

TURKEY-ISRAEL FREE TRADE AGREEMENT			
CN CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUOTA	DUTY
1209 91	Vegetable seeds	10t	50% red MFN

TURKEY-ROMANIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT			
CN CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUOTA	DUTY
1209	Seeds, fruit and spores, of a kind used for sowing	75 t	0%

Source:UFT



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TURKEY-MACEDONIA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT			
CN CODE	DESCRIPTION	QUOTA	DUTY
1211 90	Other	100t	50% red MFN
(excl. 1211 90 75;			
950013; 950017;950018			
TURKEY-BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA FREE TRADE AGREEMENT			
DESCRIPTION		QUOTA	DUTY
All seeds		Unlimited	0

Source: UFT



Import Duties

CN Code	Product Description	MFN %	Bound Rate
1202	Groundnuts	20-32.4	23.1-32.4
1203	Copra	4	10
1204	Linseed	0	0-10
1207	Other oil seeds	4-23.4	0-23.4
1208	Flours and meals of oil seeds	23	23.1
1209	Seeds, fruits or spores	3.9-19.3	3.9-19.3



V. FUTURE PLANS



- Current support implementations for seeds are planned to continue in accordance with Agriculture Strategy Paper (2006-2010).
- Technical studies for further alignment with relevant EU acquis are in progress.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION