



# FRUIT AND VEGETABLES



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# I. INTRODUCTION



- Highly important sector for Turkey
- Natural and climatic advantages
- Wide range of and good quality products
- One of the leading producers for some products
- Net exporter
- Some important products: Hazelnut, dried apricots, dried figs, raisins, citrus fruits ...



## II. BASIC INDICATORS



|                                    |                    |                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Fruit cultivated land</b>       | 1.5 million ha     |                |
| <b>Vegetable cultivated land</b>   | 818 thousand ha    |                |
| <b>Total fruit production</b>      | 14 million tones   |                |
| <b>Total vegetables production</b> | 24 million tones   |                |
| <b>Total exports</b>               | 2.5 million tones  | 2.5 billion \$ |
| <b>Total imports</b>               | 256 thousand tones | 132 million \$ |

**SOURCE: 2003, TURKSTAT**



## III. BASIC LEGISLATION



## Decree No. 552 on Regulation of Trade of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and Wholesale Markets

- ✓ Obligatory to pass all fresh fruit and vegetables through wholesale markets
- ✓ Not similar to the EU's common market organization system

**Objective:** Register all fresh fruit and vegetables trade





## IV. MARKETING STANDARDS



## A. Current Situation

- **Domestic market:** Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs (MARA)

No inspection in the meaning of R. 1148/2001/EC

- **Import / export stage:** Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade (UFT)  
Inspections according to the Turkish Standardization Institute (TSI) standards

## B. Import / Export Stage

- According to the TSI standards: parallel to the UN/ECE standards by 45 Group of Inspectors for Standardization for Foreign Trade
- Decree on the Regime of Technical Regulations and Standardization for Foreign Trade
- Issuance of the “Control Certificate(s)”
- 187 Inspectors
- Laboratories in 5 provinces

## Checks at Export Stage

- Fruit and vegetables within the scope of 52 TSI standards
- According to the the OECD Scheme and also to the Regulation No:6/7677 on the implementation of the Turkish Standards.
- Control Certificate issued by UFT
  - ✓ Indicating that goods are in conformity with the relevant standards
  - ✓ Delivered to the exporters or its representatives to be presented to the customs authorities

## Checks at Import Stage

- Fruit and vegetables within the scope of TSI standards
- Control Certificate issued by UFT
  - ✓ indicating that goods are in conformity with the relevant standards
  - ✓ delivered to the importers to be submitted to the customs authorities
- Customs Administrations shall not permit the import of the products without “Control Certificate”

## C. Plans for Future

- Ongoing PSO Project with Dutch Government
- Ongoing Revision of TSI Standards
- Studies for the implementation of Regulation No.1148/2001/EC
  - ✓ Inspection body for domestic market
  - ✓ Trader Database based on risk analyses (with the coordination of UFT and MARA)
  - ✓ Coordinating Authority



# V. PRODUCER ORGANIZATIONS



## A. Current Situation

POs do exist

BUT;

Their legal standing and organisation is partially in accordance with the requirements of the *acquis*

AND...

No system for:

- withdrawal from the market
- operational programs and operational funds





- Law No. 5200 on Agricultural Producer Organizations
  - ✓ By-law on Fundamentals and Rules of the Establishment of Agricultural Producer Unions
  - ✓ By-law on Inspection of Agricultural Producers and Unions Thereof
- Law No. 4572 on Agricultural Sales Cooperatives and Associations Thereof
- Law No. 1163 on Cooperatives

## Law No. 5200 on Agricultural Producer Organizations

POs have to have;

- Minimum 16 producers
- Minimum 10 % of total regional production

Their members have to:

- have farmer identification
- have authorization for persons representing legal persons
- market their entire production concerned through the producer organization.



## Law No. 5200 on Agricultural Producer Organizations

✓ 52 POs for fruit and vegetables

|                            |  |                                 |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|
| <b>Fruits: 11</b>          | <b>Hazelnuts:2</b>                     | <b>Vegetables:7</b>             |
| <b>Apples:2</b>            | <b>Fruit saplings:1</b>                | <b>Greenhouse production: 3</b> |
| <b>Peaches:2</b>           | <b>Fruit and grapevine saplings: 1</b> | <b>Mushrooms:2</b>              |
| <b>Pome fruits: 1</b>      | <b>Stone fruits: 1</b>                 | <b>Organic Vegetables:2</b>     |
| <b>Citrus fruits:5</b>     | <b>Blackberries: 1</b>                 | <b>Potatoes:1</b>               |
| <b>Grapes:4</b>            | <b>Kiwi: 1</b>                         | <b>Tomatoes: 1</b>              |
| <b>Berry Fruits:1</b>      | <b>Walnuts: 1</b>                      |                                 |
| <b>Organic Hazelnuts:1</b> | <b>Strawberries: 1</b>                 |                                 |
| <b>TOTAL: 36</b>           |  | <b>TOTAL: 16</b>                |

Source: MARA



## Law No. 4572 on Agricultural Sales Cooperatives and Associations Thereof (ASCAs)

| Product   | ASCAs                 |
|---|-----------------------|
| Pistachios  | Guneydogubirlik       |
| Hazelnuts   | Fiskobirlik           |
| Figs  | Taris – Incir birligi |
| Apricots  | Kayisibirlik          |
| Grapes  | Taris – Uzum birligi  |
| Juices of grapes, raisins,<br>apricots, peaches and<br>sourcherries | Taskobirlik           |

*Source: Ministry of Industry and Trade*

## B. Plans for Future

- Support for POs dealing with fruits and vegetables under the projects implemented by MARA. (i.e. Village Based Participatory Investment Scheme)
- Prospective legal arrangements for fully adoption of the related *acquis*



# **VI. INTERBRANCH ORGANIZATIONS**

# **VII. INTERVENTION ARRANGEMENTS**



No interbranch organization within the meaning of Council Regulation 2200/96.

No intervention system within the meaning of Council Regulation 2200/96.



## VIII. TRADE WITH THIRD COUNTRIES





- import licenses → only required under the tariff quotas resulting from bilateral agreements.
- SPS controls by MARA for agricultural products
- export refunds for fruits and vegetables under Money-Credit and Coordination Council Communiqués

## EU COUNTRIES

- ad valorem duty exemption in exports to the EU
- entry prices and/or calendars for certain sensitive fresh fruits and vegetables
- certain concessions stated in Turkey-EU Association Council Decision No. 1/1998

## CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

FTAs → exchanged concessions with candidate countries



# Preferential Regimes

## THIRD COUNTRIES

### FTAs with Israel, Morocco and Tunisia

various concessions have been exchanged

### Turkey- Bosnia and Herzegovina FTA

all fruits and vegetables and products thereof are reciprocally subject to a concession of 0% duty on unlimited basis.



# **XI. FRUIT JUICES AND FRUIT JAMS, JELLIES AND MARMALADES**



## Turkish Food Codex – Communiqué on Fruit Juice and Similar Products

- based on Council Directive 93/77/EEC
- revised according to Council Directive 2001/112/EC

## Turkish Food Codex – Communiqué on Jam, Jelly, Marmalade and Sweetened Chestnut Puree

- based on Council Directive 79/693/EEC
- revised according to Council Directive 2001/113/EC



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