

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 12.1(A) OF THE AGREEMENT
ON SAFEGUARDS ON INITIATION OF AN INVESTIGATION
AND THE REASONS FOR IT**

TÜRKIYE

Wire rods

The following communication, dated and received on 8 November 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Türkiye.

Republic of Türkiye hereby notifies the Committee on Safeguards, pursuant to Article 12.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards on initiation of a safeguard investigation on imports of wire rods.

1. The date when the investigation was initiated

The investigation was initiated on 3 November 2023. The related Communiqué was published in the Official Gazette on the same date.

2. The product subject to the investigation

The product under investigation is hereinafter referred to as "wire rods". Wire rods are currently classified in the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule under the customs tariff codes 72.13 and 72.27 which are listed in Annex to this Notice. Those HS codes are given for information purposes only.

3. The reasons for the initiation of investigation

The investigation was initiated upon an evaluation of a safeguard petition from the domestic industry and on the basis of the evidence and the information contained therein.

The information currently available indicates that there is an absolute and relative increase in imports of wire rods and the economic indicators of the applicant companies such as production, domestic sales, capacity utilization rates and profitability have significantly deteriorated.

The non-confidential summary of the application is available at the internet address below:
[https://ticaret.gov.tr/data/6544a08f13b876b1c00eab90/%C4%B0MZALI%20G%C4%B0ZL%C4%B0%20OLMAYAN%20N%C3%9CSHA%20\(F%C4%B0LMA%C5%9E%C4%B0N\).pdf](https://ticaret.gov.tr/data/6544a08f13b876b1c00eab90/%C4%B0MZALI%20G%C4%B0ZL%C4%B0%20OLMAYAN%20N%C3%9CSHA%20(F%C4%B0LMA%C5%9E%C4%B0N).pdf)

4. Further information

The interested parties can download the investigation questionnaires from the investigation page:

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/ithalat/ticaret-politikasi-savunma-araclari/korunma-onlemleri/sorusturmalar/devam-eden-sorusturmalar-ongoing-investigations/teblig-no2023-6-filmasin-tum-ulkeler>

The interested parties are required to fill in the questionnaires within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of the Communiqué and forward it to the General Directorate. Interested parties may ask for technical assistance from the investigating authority while filling out the questionnaires.

The companies and institutions established in Türkiye shall send the questionnaires and their official views from their official registered electronic mail-KEP address to the registered electronic mail-KEP address of the Ministry.

The address for electronic mail: ticaretbakanligi@hs01.kep.tr

Those who want to be interested parties as companies, institutions and establishments abroad shall send their answers to the questionnaires and their official views to the Ministry's e-mail address below.

Directorate General E-mail address: korunma@ticaret.gov.tr

Interested parties may state, in the application form, their request to be heard by the investigating authority. The date and venue of the hearing and other information regarding the investigation will also be announced on the internet address cited in Article 3.

The address of the investigating authority for correspondence is:

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Directorate General for Imports, Department of Safeguards
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ANNEX

Customs Tariff Statistics Position	Product Name
7213.10.00.00.00	Containing indentations, ribs, grooves or other deformations produced during the rolling process
7213.20.00.00.11	Bars and rods for manufacturing of bolts and nuts
7213.20.00.00.12	Bars and rods for manufacturing of electrodes
7213.20.00.00.13	Bars and rods for manufacturing of wire and nails
7213.20.00.00.19	Other
7213.91.10.00.00	Of a type used for concrete reinforcement
7213.91.20.00.00	Of a type used for tyre cord
7213.91.41.00.11	Bars and rods for manufacturing of bolts and nuts
7213.91.41.00.12	Bars and rods for manufacturing of electrodes
7213.91.41.00.13	Bars and rods for manufacturing of wire and nails
7213.91.41.00.19	Other
7213.91.49.00.11	Bars and rods for manufacturing of bolts and nuts
7213.91.49.00.12	Bars and rods for manufacturing of electrodes
7213.91.49.00.13	Bars and rods for manufacturing of wire and nails
7213.91.49.00.19	Other
7213.91.70.10.11	Bars and rods for manufacturing of bolts and nuts
7213.91.70.10.12	Bars and rods for manufacturing of electrodes
7213.91.70.10.13	Bars and rods for manufacturing of wire and nails
7213.91.70.10.19	Other
7213.91.70.90.00	Other
7213.91.90.00.00	Containing by weight more than 0,75 % of carbon
7213.99.10.00.11	Bars and rods for manufacturing of bolts and nuts
7213.99.10.00.13	Bars and rods for manufacturing of wire and nails
7213.99.10.00.19	Other
7213.99.90.10.11	Bars and rods for manufacturing of bolts and nuts
7213.99.90.10.13	Bars and rods for manufacturing of wire and nails
7213.99.90.10.19	Other
7213.99.90.90.00	Other
7227.10.00.00.00	Of highspeed steel
7227.20.00.00.00	Of silicomanganese steel
7227.90.10.00.00	Containing by weight 0,0008% or more of boron with any other element less than the minimum content referred to in note 1f) to this chapter
7227.90.50.00.00	Containing by weight 0,9% or more but not more than 1,15% of carbon, 0,5% or more but not more than 2% of chromium and, if present, not more than 0,5% of molybdenum
7227.90.95.00.00	Other