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Türkiye has since 1996 a Customs Union with the EU, but it is not part of the European single market. The car manufacturers that have chosen to produce cars in Türkiye and export them to the EU have to introduce navigation maps that comply with the EU ‘whole vehicle type’ approval (Regulation (EU)2021/1958¹). Turkish map data approval is only needed for products (imported or produced locally) that will enter and be registered in the Turkish market. In other words, EU map data, even if it contradicts Türkiye’s Map Law, can be imported to be used in mass production in Türkiye and then be exported again. Therefore, the fact that the car manufacturers in Türkiye need to use two separate navigation systems for the domestic and export markets does not seem to have a cost effect on the cars sold in the EU.

Should the EU industry consider this issue a trade barrier they should provide all the relevant information to the Commission and there is a single entry point procedure for market access complaints at the Commission they can use for this purpose.

¹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2021/1958/oj/eng