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Under the EU-Türkiye trade regime for agricultural and fishery products, Türkiye's liberalisation of agricultural and fishery (including aquaculture) products trade towards the EU remains indeed more limited than the EU's liberalisation towards Türkiye. A key objective of modernising the Customs Union with Türkiye would be to achieve mutually enhanced market access for trade in agricultural and fishery products. However, progress on this modernisation has been stalled since 2017.

The Commission is fully committed to protecting EU industries from unfair competition from imports and conducts investigations where it receives evidence from any affected EU industry of injury suffered from dumped and/or subsidised imports and that action is warranted. There are countervailing measures in place on imports of trout¹ from Türkiye since February 2015, most recently extended to May 2026 following an expiry review completed in May 2021. There are no measures on imports of sea bass and sea bream from Türkiye and no ongoing investigation into these products. The industries have the possibility to contact the Commission's trade defence services² to discuss the issues of concern.

¹ Rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*):-live weighing 1,2 kg or less each, or - fresh, chilled, frozen and/or smoked: in the form of whole fish (with heads on), whether or not gilled, whether or not gutted, weighing 1,2 kg or less each, or with heads off, whether or not gilled, whether or not gutted, weighing 1 kg or less each, or – in the form of fillets weighing 400 g or less each or – in the form of fillets weighing 400 g or less each, currently falling under CN codes ex 0301 91 90, ex 0302 11 80, ex 0303 14 90, ex 0304 42 90, ex 0304 82 90 and ex 0305 43 00 (TARIC codes 0301 91 90 11, 0302 11 80 11, 0303 14 90 11, 0304 42 90 10, 0304 82 90 10 and 0305 43 00 11) and originating in Turkey.

² https://policy.trade.ec.europa.eu/contacts/trade-defence-enquiries_en.