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2008 Turkish quota levels for China

Turkey has extended its quota regime on a wide range of textile products from China again, with restrictions on 41 categories.

Anyone importing goods subject to quota into Turkey will require an import licence, even if the goods are in free circulation in the EU. This, clearly, causes a lot of problems for those importing into Turkey from EU distribution centres. For 2007, there was a maximum volume per import licence, although it was not clear whether one could apply for more than one licence. It is not clear from the wording – and we have not been able to get clarification – but it appears to be a different system this year. If anyone is interested we will try to obtain clarification as to what the last two columns actually mean.

Attached is a table showing the 2008 quota levels for clothing – we have not included the levels for other textiles. However, this year Turkey has reported the figures in a slightly confusing manner. They have split the quotas by knitted and woven garments and then into further groups, which appear to be by type of garments. The groupings, therefore, make it impossible to compare the figures from previous years as we cannot compare by individual category and are unable to split the categories which include both knitted and woven garments (7, 26, 27 and 68) to show comparisons by group.

We assume that, as in previous years, these quotas will exhaust very early.

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Turkish quota restrictions relating to garments from China

Group No	Correlates to MFA categories	Unit	Quota Level	maximum level for free part	maximum level for traditional part
II.A1*** Knitted	4, 5, 7, 24, 26, 27, 28	item	3,593,500	1,000	10,000
II.A.2 Knitted	74, 75	item	46,500	100	1,000
II.A3*** Knitted	68, 83, 156, 157	kg	273,500	200	2,000
II.B Knitted	13, 18, 31	item	1,655,500	600	6,000
II.C Knitted	72, 73	item/set	630,500	900	9,000
II.D1*** Knitted	10	pair	27,950,000	2,000	20,000
II.D2 Knitted	12, 70	pair	752,500	1,000	10,000
II.D3 Knitted	67	kg	419,250	500	5,000
II.E1*** Woven	6, 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 26, 27	item	6,619,500	1,500	15,000
II.E2 Woven	16, 17, 29	item/set	124,700	150	1,500
II.F*** Woven	18, 68, 87, 88	kg	378,500	200	2,000
II.G Woven	72	item	391,000	500	5,000
II.H1 Woven	76, 78	kg	173,250	150	1,500
II.H2 Woven	84, 85, 123	item	7,686,250	1,500	15,000
II.H3 Woven	159, 161	kg	43,000	100	1,000

* We assume that this relates to companies without past performance

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*** Includes categories that cover both knitted and woven garments - 7, 26, 27 & 68

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