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

TÜRKIYE

*Terephthalic acid*

The following communication, dated and received on 6 January 2026, 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 terephthalic acid.

**1. The date when the investigation was initiated**

The investigation was initiated on 31 December 2025. The related Communiqué with the number 2026/2 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 "terephthalic acid". Terephthalic acid is currently classified in the Turkish Customs Tariff Schedule under the customs tariff code 2917.36.00.00.11.

**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 has been an increase in imports of terephthalic acid in absolute and relative terms.

During the period analysed, there has been a negative trend in certain economic indicators, such as domestic sales, production, capacity utilisation, and profitability. Overall, the information currently available shows that there has been a deterioration in the situation of the domestic industry.

The non-confidential summary of the application is available at the internet address below.

<https://ticaret.gov.tr/ithalat/ticaret-politikasi-savunma-araclari/korunma-onlemleri/sorusturmalar>

**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>

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 internet address cited in Article 3.

The address of the investigating authority for correspondence is:

Ministry of Trade  
Directorate General for Imports, Department of Safeguards  
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