**Rice Imports by Turkey**

The data in regard to global import of rice (all varieties) by Turkey since 2014 both in value/volume/AUP terms is as below. It shows significant reduction in imports over the years. This variation is dependent on the local rice crop of Turkey and corresponding customs duty as well as Tariff Rate Quota announced from time to time for certain EU countries. ***It also shows that there has been an increase in rice imports from Pakistan since 2014.***

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| Sources: Turkish Statistical Institute (TURKSTAT) statistics (**Turkish FY is January-December**).               ITC calculations based on UN COMTRADE statistics until Dec 31, 2018. |
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| Unit: US Dollar thousand |

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| **Exporters** | **imported value in 2014** | **imported value in 2015** | **imported value in 2016** | **imported value in 2017** | **imported value in 2018** |
| **World** | **277,321** | **166,058** | **116,207** | **148,788** | **144,989** |
| Greece | 5,943 | 9,032 | 8,049 | 25,440 | 26,943 |
| China | 29 | 4 | 12 | 8,552 | 24,388 |
| Italy | 31,175 | 32,482 | 14,288 | 25,383 | 24,245 |
| India | 35,545 | 21,982 | 9,183 | 10,749 | 13,023 |
| Argentina | 1,644 | 546 | 0 | 2,868 | 12,435 |
| Bulgaria | 8,516 | 8,541 | 8,329 | 12,861 | 11,564 |
| Russian Federation | 38,106 | 19,089 | 30,539 | 15,771 | 10,464 |
| Uruguay | 3,478 | 441 | 145 | 3,563 | 5,415 |
| Romania | 356 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4,370 |
| **Pakistan (10)** | **712** | **2,453** | **1,877** | **1,211** | **2,620** |
| Viet Nam | 2,770 | 822 | 643 | 622 | 2,327 |
| United States of America | 108,574 | 52,583 | 26,472 | 36,307 | 1,714 |
| Myanmar | 1,763 | 309 | 282 | 0 | 1,293 |
| Thailand | 6,356 | 3,113 | 1,425 | 1,758 | 1,110 |
| Portugal | 19,069 | 8,097 | 4,187 | 2,173 | 0 |

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| **Exporters** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **imported value in 2018, US Dollar thousand** | **imported quantity in 2018, Tons** |
| **imported unit value, US Dollar/Tons** | **imported unit value, US Dollar/Tons** | **imported unit value, US Dollar/Tons** | **imported unit value, US Dollar/Tons** | **imported unit value, US Dollar/Tons** |
| **World** | **562** | **532** | **397** | **427** | **522** | **144,989** | **277,496** |
| Greece | 658 | 564 | 439 | 416 | 601 | 26,943 | 44,815 |
| **China** | 319 | 114 | 353 | 400 | **408** | 24,388 | 59,815 |
| Italy | 1,008 | 1,046 | 666 | 678 | 856 | 24,245 | 28,337 |
| **India** | 467 | 441 | 416 | 446 | **530** | 13,023 | 24,560 |
| Argentina | 792 | 910 |  | 501 | 623 | 12,435 | 19,966 |
| Bulgaria | 470 | 438 | 315 | 324 | 368 | 11,564 | 31,449 |
| Russian Federation | 397 | 458 | 339 | 314 | 393 | 10,464 | 26,629 |
| Uruguay | 839 | 1,076 | 1,036 | 799 | 850 | 5,415 | 6,374 |
| Romania | 331 |  |  |  | 455 | 4,370 | 9,609 |
| **Pakistan** | **399** | **385** | **341** | **345** | **359** | **2,620** | **7,295** |
| Viet Nam | 484 | 636 | 533 | 546 | 573 | 2,327 | 4,060 |
| United States of America | 644 | 476 | 396 | 426 | 585 | 1,714 | 2,928 |
| Myanmar | 490 | 375 | 376 |  | 443 | 1,293 | 2,922 |
| Thailand | 587 | 958 | 701 | 428 | 500 | 1,110 | 2,220 |
| Portugal | 560 | 454 | 341 | 330 |  | 0 | 0 |

Following table shows the type/variety of rice in broad terms being imported by Turkey:

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| **HS Code** | **Product label** | **imported value in 2014** | **imported value in 2015** | **imported value in 2016** | **imported value in 2017** | **imported value in 2018** |
| 100630 | Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed | 136,414 | 78,026 | 36,826 | 77,687 | 110,930 |
| 100610 | Rice in the husk, "paddy" or rough | 140,043 | 86,585 | 73,731 | 58,675 | 21,927 |
| 100620 | Husked or brown rice | 485 | 1,445 | 5,650 | 12,426 | 12,132 |
| 100640 | Broken rice | 379 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Turkey has 12 digits (in Pakistan its 8 digits) for final products at tariff lines (National HS Code) and accordingly Turkish global imports of rice at HS 12 digits is as below:

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| **HS Code** | **Product label** | **imported value in 2014** | **imported value in 2015** | **imported value in 2016** | **imported value in 2017** | **imported value in 2018** |
| **100630960000** | **Wholly milled long grain rice, length-width > 2 but < 3, whether or not polished or glazed . . .** | 45,384 | 41,384 | 19,554 | 35,921 | **52,319** |
| **100630940000** | **Wholly milled medium grain rice, whether or not polished or glazed (excl. parboiled)** | 67,597 | 23,679 | 10,641 | 24,050 | **26,606** |
| **100610500000** | **Medium grain rice in husk** | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58,413 | **19,277** |
| **100630980000** | **Wholly milled long grain rice, length-width ratio >= 3, whether or not polished or glazed (excl. . . .** | 14,351 | 7,836 | 4,464 | 9,232 | **16,709** |
| **100630920000** | **Wholly milled round grain rice, whether or not polished or glazed (excl. parboiled)** | 1,328 | 372 | 197 | 6,748 | **13,333** |
| 100620940000 | Medium grain husked [brown] rice (excl. parboiled) | 467 | 1,302 | 5,111 | 12,232 | 7,422 |
| 100620960000 | Long grain husked [brown] rice, length-width ratio > 2 but < 3 (excl. parboiled) | 13 | 136 | 516 | 195 | 4,662 |
| 100610790000 | Long grain rice in husk, length-width ratio >= 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,329 |
| 100630650000 | Wholly milled long grain rice, length-width ratio > 2 but < 3, parboiled, whether or not polished **. . .** | 4,086 | 3,750 | 1,141 | 594 | 1,221 |
| 100610710000 | Long grain rice in husk, length-width ratio > 2 but < 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 1,072 |
| 100630670000 | Wholly milled long grain rice, length-width ratio >= 3, parboiled, whether or not polished **. . .** | 306 | 114 | 40 | 156 | 388 |
| 100630460000 | Semi-milled long grain rice, length-width ratio > 2 but < 3 (excl. parboiled) | 0 | 0 | 108 | 497 | 293 |
| 100610100000 | Rice in husk for sowing | 69 | 537 | 69 | 233 | 248 |
| 100630250000 | Semi-milled long grain rice, length-width ratio > 2 but < 3, parboiled | 0 | 21 | 24 | 0 | 49 |
| 100620980000 | Long grain husked [brown] rice, length-width ratio >= 3 (excl. parboiled) | 5 | 8 | 22 | 0 | 48 |
| 100630630000 | Wholly milled medium grain rice, parboiled, whether or not polished or glazed | 3,362 | 847 | 631 | 312 | 12 |
| 100640000000 | Broken rice | 379 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 100610940000 | Rice in the husk, "paddy" or rough Other: Other : Medium grain | 132,584 | 79,926 | 63,054 | 0 | 0 |
| 100610960000 | Rice in the husk, "paddy" or rough Other: Other : Long grain: Of a length/width ratio greater **. . .** | 5,026 | 2,035 | 1,306 | 0 | 0 |
| 100610980000 | Rice in the husk, "paddy" or rough Other: Other : Long grain: Of a length/width ratio equal **. . .** | 2,363 | 4,065 | 9,301 | 0 | 0 |

The above data shows that there is insignificant import of Indica Rice (Asian rice or Basmati rice) in Turkey primarily on account of consumer tastes and preferences. In Turkey, rice is not a staple food and is served with Kebabs only and used for pudding etc (Japonica Rice is grown and liked by the Turkish consumers). No separate rice dishes are served. However, there are few restaurants who cater for the needs of the tourists and serve certain rice dishes but the quantity and value is insignificant. Moreover, the rice consumed is mostly broken and Japonica Rice grown in Italy/Greece/Bulgaria/Russia with recent surge in imports of similar rice variety from China.

Since the rice research programme began in 1970 in Turkey, much germplasm has been introduced from Italy, Bulgaria, Spain, France, Hungary and the Russian Federation. Four Italian varieties (Rýbe, Rocca, Baldo and Venerýa), three Bulgarian varieties (Plovdýv, Rodýna and Ranballý) and one Russian variety (Krasnodarsky-424) have been released in different regions of Turkey and accordingly Turkish consumer taste is revolved around these.

With the influx of Syrian refugees since 2012, and economic migrants from Iraq, Afghanistan and Libya and Central Asian States, Indica variety of rice has gain certain foothold in Turkey.

Pakistan’s rice exports to Turkey have been sporadic based primarily on consumer tastes and preferences and import duties/tariff rate quotas. Following table shows our rice exports to Turkey since 2014 at 12 digit HS:

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **HS Code** | **Product label** | **Turkey's imports from Pakistan** | **Turkey's imports from world** |
| **Value in 2014** | **Value in 2015** | **Value in 2016** | **Value in 2017** | **Value in 2018** |  | **Value in 2014** | **Value in 2015** | **Value in 2016** | **Value in 2017** | **Value in 2018** |
| 100630980000  | Wholly milled long grain rice, length-width ratio >= 3, whether or not polished or glazed (excl. | 0 | 1,419 | 1,090 | 160 | **1,341** |  | 14,351 | 7,836 | 4,464 | 9,232 | **16,709** |
| 100630960000  | Wholly milled long grain rice, length-width > 2 but < 3, whether or not polished or glazed **. .** | 683 | 896 | 752 | 1,051 | **1,252** |  | 45,384 | 41,384 | 19,554 | 35,921 | **52,319** |
| 100630940000  | Wholly milled medium grain rice, whether or not polished or glazed (excl. parboiled) | 14 | 111 | 0 | 0 | **27** |  | 67,597 | 23,679 | 10,641 | 24,050 | **26,606** |

Above table shows the type of rice being exported from Pakistan. Primarily our IRRI (non-Basmati) long grain and medium grain rice is making space mostly on account of price competitiveness and imports by the Relief/Charity organizations, which is duty free. Turkey imposes a customs duty of 45% on rice imports.

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