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## **Turkey**

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### **Turkey Announces Second Import Tender For Live Slaughter Cattle**

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**Report Highlights:**

A second tender for live slaughter cattle will take place on May 6, 2010 and is for 5,000 MT of live slaughter cattle. It is open to animals from the United States (except Texas, Alabama Washington states), Brazil (Except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions) and Chile.

### **General Information:**

In response to high red meat prices, the Turkish Council of Ministers announced new import quotas for live slaughter cattle and beef on April 30, 2010. These quotas will be administered by the Meat and Fish Institute via public tenders. This decision was published in the Official Gazette on April 30, 2010.

The first public tender, for live slaughter cattle only, will take place on May 4, 2010. This tender is for 4,025 MT of live slaughter cattle only from Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania or Hungary. The second tender, for 5,000 MT of live slaughter cattle, was just announced, and will take place on May 6, 2010. This second tender is only open to animals from the United States (except Texas, Alabama Washington states), Brazil (Except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions) and Chile.

According to the Meat and Fish Institute, this quota is not meant to be a long-term market opening but a one-time only intervention in order to bring down red meat prices. The lowest price offers that meet the technical criteria will be chosen. Additionally, Turkish inspectors will have to travel to the country of origin to select and inspect the cattle. Although the Meat and Fish Institute has been authorized to import meat as well, at first it plans to import only live animals, and will only consider importing meat at a later date if domestic prices do not decrease sufficiently. The Institute has stated it would only tender for carcasses, not boxed meat or cuts, and that Turkish inspectors would have to observe slaughtering practices to ensure the beef was halal.

**Table 1: New live slaughter cattle import tariff quota**

<b>HS Codes</b>	<b>Product</b>	<b>Quantity (MT)</b>	<b>Tariff</b>	<b>Expiration of Tariff Quota</b>
<b>02.01</b>	<b>Cattle meat (Fresh or chilled)</b>	7,500	25%	December 31, 2010
<b>0202</b>	<b>Cattle meat (Frozen)</b>			
<b>0102.90</b>	<b>Live cattle, Other</b>	16,000	10%	December 31, 2010

The second tender, for 5,000 MT of live slaughter cattle, will be held on May 6, 2010 at 10:00 am in the Meat and Fish Institute headquarters in Ankara.

The technical specification and tender requirements for the second tender were published by the Meat and Fish Institute (EBK) at <http://www.ebk.gov.tr>. The cattle must be Angus, Hereford,

Simmental, Charolais, Limousin or their cross breeds. The age of the animals must be between 16 and 24 months. The animals must be male, and weigh between 450 kg and 650 kg. The animals must bear visual characteristics of their own breed and have no visible problems with their feet, eyes, ears etc. The animals must all be identifiable through ear tags, microchips, etc. Animals that do not pass the health inspections will not be imported.

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The tender type is negotiated tender. The deadline for offers is May 06, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. Once the letter of credit is opened, the animals should be delivered to Turkey with within 30 to 50 days.

The required documents for live slaughter cattle imports are:

- Original invoice
- Pro forma invoice
- Original official veterinary health certificate (containing hormone, antibiotic and other residue information)
- Sample of pro forma health certificate
- Certificate of origin
- Test and analysis results
- Pedigree certificate

More information was given in an April 30, 2010 GAIN report titled “Turkey Announces New Import Quota For Live Slaughter Cattle and Beef”.