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## Turkey

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### **Turkey Announces Tender For Live Fattening Cattle Imports**

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**Report Highlights:**

A tender for 4,000 MT of live fattening cattle will take place on June 14, 2010. The United States is one of the countries eligible to supply cattle under this tender.

### General Information:

A tender for 4,000 MT of live fattening cattle was just announced, and will take place at 2:00 pm June 14 in Ankara. This tender is open only to animals from the United States (except Texas, Alabama Washington states), Brazil (except the Paraná region), Uruguay, Argentina (except the Corrientes and Misiones regions), New Zealand, Australia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Norway and Iceland.

The Turkish Council of Ministers first announced import quotas for live slaughter cattle and beef on April 30, 2010. These quotas are being administered by the Meat and Fish Institute, a branch of the Ministry of Agriculture, via public tenders. This decision was published in the Official Gazette on April 30, 2010. The details of the quota are given in Table 1.

**Table 1: Live slaughter beef cattle and import tariff quota**

Turkey: Live slaughtering beef cattle and import tariff quota				
HS Codes	Product	Quantity (MT)	Tariff	Expiration of Tariff Quota
02.01	Cattle meat (Fresh or chilled)	7,500	25	December 31,2010
0202	Cattle meat (Frozen)			
0102.90	Live Cattle, Other	16,000	10	December 31,2010

The Turkish Meat and Fish Institute (EBK) held three tenders in an attempt to import under this quota. The tenders were held on May 4, 6, and 20, 2010, and only sought live slaughter cattle. The first and second tenders were cancelled due to insufficient bids. Seven companies attended the third tender, which was for imports of 8,000 MT of live slaughter cattle, six of them placed bids, and four of them won some part of the tender. The results of third tender are given in Table 2.

**Table 2: The results of May 20, 2010 EBK tender**

Turkey: Results of third EBK tenders , May 20,2010			
Name of Company	Origin of company	Quantity (MT)	Value
Khaled Hijazi Ghosheh	Jordan	5,500	20,075,000 USD
Hacilar Helal Meat	Germany	1,000	2,700,000 Euro
Dituria S SRO	Slovakia	500	1,272,500 Euro
Altintern Handels GmbH	Austria	1,000	2,740,000 Euro

The technical specifications and tender requirements for the live slaughter cattle were published by the Meat and Fish Institute (EBK), at this time only in Turkish, at <http://www.ebk.gov.tr/default.asp> . The cattle must be Angus, Hereford, Brown Swiss, Holstein, Simmental, Charolais and Limousin. The age of the animals must be between 6 and 10 months. The animals must be male, and weigh between 180

kg and 270 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. Any cattle which have not had veterinary examination and checkup, will not be accepted for import.

Although the first three tenders were for live slaughter cattle, the fourth tender will be for live fattening cattle. The fattening cattle must be delivered to the ports of Izmit (2,000 MT), Samsun (1,000 MT) and Mersin (1,000 MT).

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## **DOCUMENTS REQUIRED**

Required documents are listed in the following notifications:

- Notification 2000/32 “Documents required for issuing the control certificate in import of non-stud livestock and animal products” that was published on September 22, 2009
- Official Gazette number 2004/8 “Amending the notification on documents required for issuing the control certificate in import of non-stud livestock and animal products”,
- Official Gazette number 96/4 “The requirements for issuing the control certificate in import of butchery and stock-farming cattle and sheep as well as goat”
- Notification 2010/5 “Standardization in foreign trade for import of the products subject to supervision of Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry”

According to these regulations, the following documents are required for importing live fattening cattle:

- Original invoice
- Pro forma invoice
- Original official veterinary health certificate (containing hormone, antibiotic and other residue information)
- Sample of proforma health certificate
- Certificate of origin
- Certificate of analysis that shows the animals are free from hormones and antibiotics.
- Pedigree certificate

- The control certificates are issued for each batch of butchery livestock to be imported. If importation is done through more than one port, a separate control certificate is required for each customs district.
- A Veterinary Health Certificate, which is required by the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry General Directorate for Protection and Control, shall be approved by the official veterinary service of the exporting country and signed by an official veterinarian.
- An analysis report showing that fattening livestock are free from hormones and Antibiotics.

## **OTHER PROVISIONS**

### **CATTLE SELECTION AND INTERMEDIATE SUPERVISION**

An Intermediate Supervision Committee, which shall be assigned by the Directorate of Meat and Fish Institute, shall make a pre-selection of cattle to be bought from exporting countries and the selected animals shall undergo a physical examination by the personnel assigned by the Turkish Agriculture and Rural Affairs Ministry's General Directorate for Protection and Control. They shall review the medical conditions of the animals and the documents required for import of the animals. A selection report shall be issued by these Ministry of Agriculture personnel, stating that the animals selected meet the required medical conditions. Three copies will be given, and the original report must accompany the shipment upon arrival to Turkey.

The Intermediate Supervision Committee shall supervise the disinfection and loading of the selected cattle to the transportation vehicles.

### **INSPECTION AND ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES**

The cattle, which will be brought to slaughtering facilities, shall be examined by the Inspection and Acceptance Committee assigned by the Administration, where documents will be inspected.

### **WEIGHING**

The selected cattle shall be weighed in the exporting country before shipment under the supervision of the Intermediate Supervision Committee. Ear tag numbers of the weighed cattle shall be listed and minutes shall be taken for the procedure bearing signatures of the contractor's authorized person and members of the intermediate supervision committee.

## **INVOICING PROCEDURE**

Invoicing shall be done after the live weight, which is essential for payment, is determined at the delivery place.