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Subject: RE: Local content requirements in Turkey

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Dear All,

We would like to express our gratitude in regard of the actions that you took in this dossier. The fact that the LCR and taxation issue were included in the 2023 Türkiye report and the LCR raised during the Turkey TPR process at the WTO is of great help for us and constitutes thus a good first step towards addressing the two measures with Turkish authorities that could ultimately lead to its removal.

Wishing you the very best season’s greetings.

Kind regards,

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Dear Article 4(1)b, dear Article 4(1)b
While reflecting on the inclusion of the LCR on our sector in the Türkiye Report, we would like to grab your attention to the fact that there is an upcoming meeting of Turkey's Trade Policy Review at the WTO taking place on 11-13 October (directdoc.aspx@wto.org). In addition to Türkiye Report, the TPR would be in our view an appropriate setting to raise the LCR as this measure is not in line with Türkiye's WTO commitments. We have taken the liberty to prepare a set of written questions for your consideration [see attached], that the EU could consider submitting before that meeting so as to have Türkiye's answers in writing.

Also, we have noticed that in page 97 of the 2022 Türkiye Report the issue of taxation of cigarettes is mentioned. Given the fact that Türkiye has one of the highest ad valorem duty levels in the world this is an important issue that we would be glad to discuss at the appropriate point in time. In the meantime, we have prepared a few suggestions to the paragraph on cigarette taxation for your consideration (attached—in italic), that elaborate a bit more on this important topic.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Article 4(1)b

Dear Article 4(1)b,

I am copying you since your unit is dealing with WTO issues. Please find attached a PDF note on the LCR for your perfect information. Thank you.

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Dear Article 4(1)b,

Thank you for your email, in which you refer to the issue of LCR for tobacco in Türkiye. This is an issue we are well aware of, and we discussed in detail during our meeting last year. The Commission is working on the Enlargement package, including the Türkiye Report. At this stage, it is in draft form, and we are reflecting how to best report on the issues relevant for the local content requirement.

Kind regards,

Article 4(1)b
Dear Article 4(1)b, dear Article 4(1)b,

I am wondering whether you had the possibility please to see our e-mail below. Thank you in advance for your kind reply.

Kind regards,
Article 4(1)b

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Dear Article 4(1)b, dear Article 4(1)b,

I hope this e-mail finds you well.

We would like to restate our interest with regard to the inclusion of the LCR for tobacco in this year's Turkey progress report.

Unfortunately, we haven't seen any positive development on this LCR in Turkey during the last year, and since this issue has not been mentioned as such in previous versions.
of Turkey's progress report we believe its inclusion can help improving the situation in that country.
Also, we have been informed that the local PMI team in Turkey has already informed the EU Delegation there about this request, and that the preliminary analysis would be positive.
We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.
Kind regards,

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