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This presentation will be based on Mr. Kreier's leading questions. So let's begin with the first one: Have you ever declined to impose safeguard measures on public interest grounds?

- Public interest issue is a part of our investigation and decision-making process. The issue is evaluated by two bodies: *Evaluation Board for Safeguard Measures* and *Council of Ministers*. As an example, the Board decreased the level of safeguard measure on footwears to soften likely negative impact of the measure on the consumers in Turkey.

What forms of measures have you applied?

- Specific duty, Ad valorem duty and less preferred type quantitative measures
- If the product in question has the characteristic of final consumer goods we prefer fix duty like safeguard measure on toothbrushes; otherwise we prefer ad valorem duty like safeguard measure on PET which is a commodity.



How long are they usually for?

- 3 years period for initial measure is commonplace for our safeguard measures. It can be extended with the same time period, if necessary.

How do you decide the level of measures?

- Price undercutting and price suppression are the most used methods for the determination of level of measures. The level of measures are not so different from the level calculated according to price undercutting.

If you use quotas, do you allocate them, and if so on what basis? Have you ever used quota modulation?

- As mentioned before, we rarely use the quota as a form of measure.
- Once we preferred quota, it is generally allocated with 'first come first served' basis or on demand allocation depending on the nature of the subject product and/or sector.



How have you approached progressive liberalization?

- In all safeguard measures we apply, the measures are subject to progressive liberalization. There is not any example against that criteria.

Do you have special rules for FTA partners?

- The provision in Paragraph 2 of Article 2 provides, 'Safeguard measures shall be applied to a product being imported irrespective of its source.'
- Turkey acts in this way related with imposition of safeguard measures and doesn't have any special treatment in terms of origin of product concerned.

What challenges have you faced in applying S&D for small developing suppliers?

- We provide special and differential treatment for developing countries as long as their share of imports of the product concerned doesn't exceed 3 percent respectively and 9 percent collectively of total imports.



Do you update import data and include small suppliers previously excluded?

- Subsequent to the imposition of safeguard measure, developing countries to be provided for exemption are determined for the period of the measure.
- Afterwards we do not change the scope of the list of beneficiary countries or update import data during the measure in force.



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Thank you for listening to me