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Turkey launches investigation into cartonboard, coated mechanical paper imports

By Andrea Venturini - Wednesday 07 January

Turkey launched a safeguard investigation into cartonboard and coated mechanical paper imports on December 31, 2025.

The investigation includes products classified under the customs tariff code 4810.29 and 4810.92.

The customs tariff code 4810.29 relates to paper and paperboard used for writing, printing or other graphic purposes, of which > 10% by weight of the total fibre content consists of fibres obtained by a mechanical or chemical-mechanical process, coated on one or both sides with kaolin or other inorganic substances, in rolls or in square or rectangular sheets, of any size, excluding lightweight paper.

The customs tariff code 4810.92 refers to multi-ply paper and paperboard, coated on one or both sides with kaolin or other inorganic substances (clay-coated), not for writing/printing, available in rolls or sheets, excluding kraft paper/board, used for various packaging and industrial applications like folding boxboard or cartonboard.

"The investigation was initiated upon an evaluation of a safeguard petition from the domestic industry and on the basis of the evidence and the information contained therein," Turkey's Ministry of Trade said in the notice sent to the World Trade Organization on Tuesday January 6, 2026.

"The information currently available indicates that there is an absolute and relative increase in imports of 'other paper and paperboard' and the economic indicators of the applicant companies such as production, domestic sales, capacity utilization rates and profitability have significantly deteriorated," the ministry added.

According to data from Turkey's Ministry of Trade, imports of paper under investigation rose by 15% year on year to 575,000 tonnes in 2024 and continued to grow, reaching 312,000 tpy during the first six months of 2025, corresponding to a 4% year-on-year increase.

Unit prices for imports of paper under review dropped from \$0.88 per kilogram in 2023 to \$0.82 per kg in 2024 and to \$0.77 per kg in the first half of 2025.

Import data also shows that deliveries from China were relatively stable year on year in during the first six months of 2025 at 131,320, corresponding to 42.2% of the total imports. During the same period, imports from Indonesia rose from 1,043 tonnes to 18,089 tonnes.

"With the accelerated new production line investments in China after 2021, excess capacity has been created, particularly in the production of packaging paper and industrial pulp," the Ministry of Trade said in the non-confidential summary of the application. "This supply, exceeding domestic demand, has been directed towards nearby and developing markets such as Türkiye."

Data from the application shows that, while total exports of the paper under review grew by 4.5% to 16 million tonnes between 2021 and 2024, Chinese exports climbed by 144.5% to 3.5 million tonnes. During the same period, Indonesia's exports rose by 62.1% to 489,448 tonnes.

According to the ministry, some European manufacturers reduced their local sales due to the energy crisis and shifted toward export markets, resulting in a concentration of products, particularly those originating from Scandinavia and Western Europe, in the Turkish market.

"The reshaping of European supply chains after the Russia-Ukraine war led the Baltic and Scandinavian countries to diversify their export markets, with Turkey becoming a target market in this process," the ministry said.

Data shows that Turkish production of the paper grades under review fell by 28% year on year during the first six months of 2025, while domestic sales sank by 12% year on year in 2024 and by 30% year on year in the first half of 2025.

According to the applicants, domestic prices are below import unit prices for the period under review, meaning that no price dumping has occurred. Nevertheless, a strong increase in imports determined downward pressure on domestic sales prices between 2023 and 2025.

"As stated by Turkey's Ministry of Trade, imports surged by more than 15% in 2024, with an 8.3% increase in cartonboard (4810.92) and more than double the amount of coated graphic papers (4810.29) compared to the year before," Alejandro Mata, director, Europe packaging and graphic paper at Fastmarkets said.

"Within cartonboard, China is the largest trading partner, accounting for almost 40% of Turkey's imports. Furthermore, Chinese cartonboard exports to Turkey have gradually increased from an average of 16,300 tonnes per month to as much as 25,000 tonnes per month in 2025. [...] Another country exporting more boxboard to Turkey is Indonesia, which has increased its exports from less than 1,000 tonnes per month prior to 2024, to a 3,200 tonnes per month average in 2025," Mata added.

According to Mata, this development in imports can be explained by the weak demand for paper and board in China due to lackluster economic growth and significant oversupply, especially in the virgin coated multi-ply board range.

UK cartonboard commentary: FBB, WLC prices fall in January

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Prices for folding boxboard (FBB) and white-lined chipboard (WLC) declined in January in the UK due to overcapacity and lower offers from both Asian and European suppliers.

Fastmarkets' price assessment for [coated duplex \(GC2\), 270-280 g, UK](#) was £960-1,145 (\$1,292-1,541) in January, corresponding to a £30-35 per tonne drop compared with December, with market participants reporting stable prices and drops of up to £50 per tonne in some cases.

Fastmarkets' price assessment for [white-lined chipboard \(GD2\), 300 g, UK](#) was £685-735 per tonne in January, corresponding to a £30 per tonne decline at the top end of the range compared with December.

While some market participants reported stable prices in January, others reported price drops of up to £30 per tonne, especially for long-term contracts.

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Dairi-Pak's Shropshire factory invests £1 million to upgrade production capabilities in UK

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While most were winding down over Christmas, Dairi-Pak’s Shropshire factory was buzzing with activity. January start-up saw the successful completion of this £1 million investment to upgrade production capabilities.

Owner Tim Gray sums it up perfectly:

“It was out with the old and in with the new. We removed outdated machinery and installed cutting-edge technology to future-proof our operations.”

The star of the show? The CUIR MC Flexo Die Cutter - a game-changer that prints and die-cuts inline. To compliment this installation a new waste extraction system and waste compactor have also been installed. These significant upgrades boost capacity, enhances quality, and reinforce Dairi-Pak’s commitment to ‘delivering packaging excellence’ to their loyal and highly valued customers.

Amberley Labels to showcase luxury labels and new carton offer at Paris Packaging Week 2026 from February 5 - 6

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Amberley Labels, the Coveris Group’s luxury labelling division, will showcase its award-winning labelling capabilities and newly launched luxury carton offer at Paris Packaging Week, bringing together technical innovation and standout finishing for some of the world’s most iconic brands.

A leader in premium label production, Amberley Labels is renowned for delivering exceptional print quality, intricate embellishment and high-impact shelf appeal. With proven experience supporting global brand owners, Amberley combines luxury creativity with technical consistency, quality assurance and scalability required to deliver outstanding labels time after time.

Expert labelling: COTY Ambre Antique 1905 Parfum

At the show, Amberley will present its exquisite label for COTY’s iconic Ambre Antique 1905 perfume, produced for the fragrance’s monumental 120th anniversary. With a brief to honour original bottle by recreating the look of its historic metal label, whilst delivering a modern label solution suited to today’s packaging environment, Amberley achieved a truly standout result.

Despite the small label format, Amberley delivered a standout solution featuring double-sided metallic gold foiling, a front debossed image, and a product resistant gloss, demonstrating Amberley’s ability to combine intricate luxury detailing with technical precision.

Label of the Year: Aureus Vita Fibonacci Dry Gin

Also on display will be the Aureus Vita Fibonacci Dry Gin label, winner of Label of the Year at the UK Packaging Awards 2025. Recognised for its excellence in print quality, finishing and visual impact, the label showcases Amberley’s ability to deliver premium design with outstanding precision and impact.

A complete luxury packaging toolkit: Labels and cartons

Alongside its award-winning labels, Amberley will also showcase its new luxury carton offer, designed to perfectly complement its premium labelling portfolio. The extended packaging portfolio includes premium folding cartons, rigid and spiral-wound formats, bagasse-based solutions, creating a full brand toolkit that supports its luxury labelling offer perfectly.

With demand rising for cohesive packaging systems, the expanded offer enables brands to create high-end cartons featuring finishes such as foiling, embossing and soft-touch effects, delivering a fully aligned luxury packaging solution, ideal for beauty, spirits and lifestyle categories.

Experience Amberley at Paris Packaging Week

Discover Amberley’s award-winning labels and extended luxury packaging capabilities at Paris Packaging Week, Europe’s leading event for packaging design and innovation.

Visit Amberley Labels on stand U210 at Paris Packaging Week, Thursday 5th & Friday 6th February 2026 at the Expo Porte de Versailles, Paris.

About Amberley

Amberley Labels is part of the Coveris Group.

We are a specialist labels division for dedicated markets. Providing a unique set of services for beverage, household, personal care, OTC and automotive industries, we deliver award winning labels for leading brands, sustainably and efficiently. Our expertise and agility within the FMCG retail supply-chain enables us to disrupt and accelerate standard label models through our unique know how, vertically integrated processes and next generation technologies. Maximising brand impact whilst minimising waste, we keep packaging fully circular through our game-changing ReCover recycling operations, turning paper and plastic waste into high-quality materials for reuse.

About Coveris

Coveris is a leading European packaging company specialising in high-performance flexible and paper packaging solutions. Serving some of the world’s most recognised brands, Coveris protects a diverse range of products, including food, pet food, medical supplies, industrial, and agricultural goods. Committed to innovation and sustainability, Coveris continuously develops attractive and environmentally responsible packaging in line with its No Waste vision. Strengthening this commitment, Coveris established ReCover, a dedicated division focussed on waste procurement, processing, recycling technologies and supply chain partnerships to advance the circular economy for paper and plastic. With a corporate office in Vienna, Coveris operates 28 sites across the EMEA region, employing 4,000 people.

Boxboard/Cartonboard Europe Key Attributes

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1230	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1230

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	685 - 740	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	685 - 740
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	665 - 735	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	665 - 735

Boxboard/Cartonboard Germany Markets

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FP-CBB-0100	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g free delivered Germany €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1230	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1230
FP-CBB-0101	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Germany, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	665 - 735	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	665 - 735

Boxboard/Cartonboard Spain Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0104	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	980 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	980 - 1240
FP-CBB-0105	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Spain, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	680 - 720	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	680 - 720

Boxboard/Cartonboard France Markets

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FP-CBB-0098	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0099	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered France, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	685 - 740	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	685 - 740

Boxboard/Cartonboard Italy Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0102	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	990 - 1240	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	990 - 1240
FP-CBB-0103	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered Italy, €/tonne	01 Dec 2025	660 - 715	0 (0.00%)	Dec 2025	660 - 715

Boxboard/Cartonboard UK Markets

Symbol	Description	Date	Price	+/-	Month	Monthly Average
FP-CBB-0094	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Jan 2026	960 - 1145	-32.5 (-3.00%)	Jan 2026	960 - 1145
FP-CBB-0095	Cartonboard/boxboard, folding boxboard (GC2) 270-280 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	1101 - 1313	-28 (-2.27%)	Jan 2026	1101 - 1313
FP-CBB-0096	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, £/tonne	01 Jan 2026	685 - 735	-15 (-2.07%)	Jan 2026	685 - 735
FP-CBB-0097	Cartonboard/boxboard, white-lined chipboard (GD2) 300 g, free delivered United Kingdom, €/tonne	01 Jan 2026	786 - 843	-11 (-1.33%)	Jan 2026	786 - 843